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<b>TITLE</b> <p><b>CHANGED</b>  <b>BARNARD RUBIN, was., Barney Rubin, Lee Newton</b></p>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b></p>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Subject resides 1152 3rd Ave., NYC. Employed as writer by Freedom of the Press, Inc. Subject described as Cultural Editor and Drama Critic of the "Daily Worker". Subject director of New Playwrights, Inc. Subject married 9/21/46 to PEARL MILLER, born 4/3/15 in NYC. Both parents of PEARL MILLER born Russia. Background information and activities of subject set out. No credit or criminal record located.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">- C -</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The title of this report is marked changed to reflect the addition of the aliases, LEE NEWTON, as reported by Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, on May 6, 1949 and BARNEY RUBIN, as furnished by Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, who advised on July 22, 1948 that subject was known to him by this name.</p> <p><u><b>Residence</b></u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">On August 3, 1950 Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that subject resided at 1152 Third Avenue, New York City, in care of SAUL RUBIN.</p>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>		<b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>	
<b>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</b> <p>5 - Bureau (100-40033)</p> <p>③ - New York</p>		<div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>100-48274-114</p> <p>sent to LA 3/6/64</p> <p>by [signature]</p> </div>	

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Employment

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he knew for a fact that subject was employed by the "Daily Worker" from June 27, 1947 to September 15, 1949.

On March 4, 1950 Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that subject was employed as a writer with the Freedom of the Press, Inc. and had been so employed since November, 1946.

The Freedom of the Press, Inc. is the organization which publishes the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker"; these being the daily and Sunday editions of an East Coast Communist newspaper.

The "Daily Worker", January 26, 1950, page 11, column 4 describes subject as being the Cultural Editor and Drama Critic of the "Daily Worker".

The "Daily Worker", July 19, 1950, page 11 columns 1, 2 and 3 announces the formation of a new theater group called New Playwrights, Inc., of which subject is the director. According to the "Daily Worker", New Playwrights, Inc. is "dedicated to a plan of continuous production; the group is out to build up a theater culture that will express the aspirations of the people and fight the decadent culture of imperialism."

Background

Confidential Informant T-3 advised on March 4, 1950 that subject married PEARL MILLER on September 21, 1946. Confidential Informant T-3 further advised that a daughter PHYLLIS YOUNG RUBIN was born [FOIA(b)(6)]

Records of the Bronx County Marriage Licence Bureau reflected in marriage certificate # 32730 that subject was married on September 21, 1946 to PEARL MILLER. The records further reflected that PEARL MILLER was born in New York City on April 3, 1915, but that her father, GABRIEL MILLER, and her mother, ANNA HENLIEN, were both born in Russia.

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Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York County, New York reflect in birth certificate # 43260 that PHYLLIS YOUNG RUBIN was born on [REDACTED] Her father was listed as BARNARD RUBIN and her mother as PEARL RUBIN. The parents' address was given as 1152 Third Avenue, New York City.

In an article in the "Daily Worker" dated February 15, 1949, page 10, columns 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a member of the National Board, Communist Party, USA, writes concerning subject:

"I met Comrade RUBIN first when he came back from Spain. He was a section organizer of the Communist Party in Reading, Pennsylvania, a sturdy, chunky, little guy dressed in over-large clothes he had worn back from France. I liked his hearty laugh. He was arrested in one of the election petition drives in Pennsylvania.

"Disposses cases were the tag-end of the depression. He became known as 'the Communist organizer who puts people's furniture back'.

"Next I heard of him in Waterbury, Connecticut, where he worked in a brass shop, and helped to organize the union and the Party.

"Came the war, and Barney was soon on the Pacific battlefield. I kept track of him through his mother. Soldier comrades began writing me of his work on the army paper. Someone brought me a whole series of columns he did in Japan, after victory, on the release of the Communists from prison (of which he brought me back a wonderful picture), on the trade unions, the gripes of the GI's. It brought him into a head-on clash with General MacARTHUR.

"The editor, PETTUS, and RUBIN, as assistant, were both removed. They became heroes to the soldiers, who hated the American emperor as much as Hirohito."

#### Communist Activities

A review of the subject's writings in the "Daily Worker" since October 28, 1947 reveals that considerable space is devoted to attacks on law enforcement officials and agencies, American foreign policy and on capitalist culture.



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The "Daily Worker" of November 27, 1947, page 16, column 4 carries a column by subject in which he denounces the FBI. He states that the FBI, in an attempt to frame up a big spy scare, follows an anti-Semitic line in its investigations.

The "Daily Worker" of September 5, 1948, page 13, column 1 carries a column by subject in which he denounces ARTHUR BLISS LANE, former United States Ambassador to Poland, for what subject calls outrageous lies against the new Polish republic.

The "Daily Worker" of January 4, 1949, page 13, column 1 carries a column by subject in which he states, "The newest and possibly vilest outbreak of anti-liberal and anti-Communist slanders will begin January 23, when the ravings of ROBERT E. STRIPLING, who has just resigned as chief investigator for the Un-American Committee, will be syndicated in many newspapers."

The "Daily Worker", March 25, 1949, page 13, column 1, in an article by the subject, condemns capitalist culture. Subject states:

"The American workers' and people's desire for peace coincides with the Soviet Union's desire for peace as opposed to Big Money's drive for war. So, too, does the necessity for our people to struggle against the race-baiting, war instigating and anti-working class culture that the Big Money institutions are feeding us coincide with the Soviet Union's fight against that same culture. The same profiteers who run the war-inciting politicians and brass here are also running the cultural show. Mellon oil gave the prize through Eliot to Pound - the same Mellon oil which thrives on war. The Rockefellers, Morgans and their class, are, in the main, the real owners of the film industry, the radio networks, the newspapers, etc. In most cases, in varying degrees, on the good will of these institutions depends the financial success of the books of all the publishing houses, the theater productions, music and art works, etc.

"It's capitalist culture, all right, and its main body, its main drive is, therefore, directed against the interests of the workers and the people; aimed at confusing them, drugging them, splitting them, prejudicing them against their friends, inciting them in order to make the Big Money's war preparations easier and, in general, at dissipating their potential united strength. Capitalism's culture today is one of the main and most effective weapons against the interests of working men and women."

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The "Daily Worker", September 14, 1949, page 12, column 1, carries an article by the subject condemning the American press for their enthusiastic reviews of books which attack and slander the Communists. The subject writes:

"Capitalism, in this period of its powerful last gasps, is going in big for mediocrity - as well as mendacity - on the intellectual front. Actually, of course, it has no choice. The intellectuals who serve it by attacking Communism and thus trying to rationalize away the misery, horrors and war which capitalism has to offer the majority of people living under it today, are good specimens of what I mean."

In an article in the "Daily Worker", May 15, 1950, subject attacks capitalist culture as being one of capitalism's most important and most effective weapons against the interests of working men and women. He states:

"The capitalist controlled information and cultural media are constantly pounding away at the public's consciousness with all kinds of overt and subtle racism and chauvinism. In the cultural field, under the disguise of one form or another of art-for-art's sake, and formalism, the most disgusting atrocities have been put over and tolerated - unfortunately, even by many in the progressive movement."

An article in the "Daily Worker", November 11, 1949, page 12 column 3, there is an announcement that the subject would speak at a forum presented by the Progressive Playwrights on November 13, 1949.

In the "Daily Worker", December 9, 1949, page 11, column 2, there is an announcement that subject would speak at a forum presented by the Progressive Playwrights on December 11, 1949.

On January 3, 1950, page 8, column 3, of the "Daily Worker" there is an announcement that the "Daily Worker" would present subject in a series of lectures on, "The Soviet Art Criticisms and the Fight for Man".

On February 9, 1949 Confidential Informant T-1 advised that subject was listed as one of 34 official speakers of the "Daily Worker".

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On June 8, 1949 Confidential Informant T-1 advised that subject had subscribed to the "USSR Bulletin", published by the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C.

On July 22, 1948 Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that subject returned from his vacation early after being notified of the emergency occasioned by the arrest of 12 members of the Communist Party National Committee.

Confidential Informants T-5, T-6, T-7, T-8, T-9, T-10 and T-11, all of known reliability, who are familiar with Communist activities in the New York City area, advised they did not know subject.

Miscellaneous

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked and failed to reveal any information concerning subject.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation and the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the New York City Police Department were checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK and failed to reveal any information not previously reported by this office.

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked by SE RALPH G. MURDY.

The records of the Marriage Licence Bureau of Bronx County were checked by SE GERARD M. LENAHAN.

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York County, were checked by SE WILLIAM R. SWEENEY.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he knew for a fact that subject was employed by the "Daily Worker" on the following dates: June 27, 1947; October 20, 1947; December 1, 1947; April 2, 1948; April 23, 1948; June 6, 1949; September 15, 1949.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA SPURGEON C. BATTEN, dated AUG 16 1950, at New York, New York are as follows:

T-1



T-2

Pretext telephone call made by SA SPURGEON C. BATTEN on August 3, 1950 to Rhinelander 4-3391.

T-3

Miss EDNA POWERS, Supervisor, Associated Hospital Service, 26th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City.

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T-4



contacted by SA ARTHUR E. DOOLEY.

T-5

contacted by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

T-6

contacted by SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY.

T-7

contacted by SA RICHARD T. CLANCY.

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contacted by SA RICHARD T. CLANCY.

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contacted by SA RICHARD T. CLANCY.

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contacted by SA RICHARD T. CLANCY.

T-11

contacted by SA RICHARD T. CLANCY.

T-12



contacted by SA CHARLES F. HEINER.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York dated 1/18/49.  
Report of SA J. DONALD REED, 8/4/47, New York.

# Gold, Manoff Join New Playw

## Recently Formed Militant Theatre Group Has a Howard Fast Play in Rehearsal

Mike Gold, America's leading proletarian writer, has joined the Board of New Playwrights, Inc. For those of you who may have missed the news two weeks ago, New Playwrights is the best news the leftwing theatre audiences and artists have heard in the last few years. Arising out of the activities of the company of *Longitude 49*, the Herb Tank play which ran so successfully for 14 weeks, the group has announced a program of continuous production for the coming year. Under rehearsal now is Howard Fast's play, *The Hammer* which is being directed by the talented Al Saxe.

Mike Gold will bring to the board, composed of Howard Fast, Barnard Rubin, Herb Tank, Alice Childress, Frank Silvera and Herbert Armstrong, the traditions of the New Theatre of the late twenties. Gold

wrote for America's first militant theatre and now plans to be equally active with New Playwrights. To the board has also come another valuable addition, Arnold Manoff, author of *All You Need Is One Good Break*.

As Barnard Rubin, the Director of New Playwrights, told us recently, "We didn't stumble into this. Ideological discussions last year convinced us of the work to be done and the welcome it would receive."

It was at Rubin's lectures last year, you may remember, that Tank's play was read and the response to it persuaded Tank to go ahead and gather a company for it after every director in town had turned it down. Its success started the ball rolling. Rubin, Tank and Howard Fast formed the Board of the new group, and began discussing program and policy for the new group.

They were immediately besieged by interested theatre people. The board was then enlarged to include Alice Childress the talented Negro actress, whose one-act play *Florence* had just been put on. From the company of *Longitude 49* two actors joined the board, Frank Silvera and Herbert Armstrong.

"We do not intend to make or break on any production," Rubin was anxious to let us know. "While aiming at the highest artistic quality and political acuteness, we are not perfectionists and we see the building up of our audiences and our theatre as a long-term affair." The board will select plays to be done but it will differ from other theatre groups in



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that the author will then have the final decision on who will direct.

Getting back to the board's policy, Rubin assured us, "We are not perfectionists and it would be unreasonable, we decided, to assume a dogmatic and arbitrary position on most scripts as long as they have necessary positive qualities of emotional, artistic and social value. Granted this we came to the conclusion that no matter

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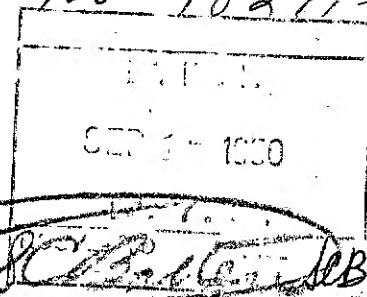
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how strongly we'd feel its weaknesses were that it would be completely unfair to independent playwrights and progressive audiences to deprive the play of production."

This, of course, is the point on which theatre groups have foundered before, reflecting the disoriented mentality of a Broadway producer. Rubin laughed, "We won't be discouraged, dismayed or flabbergasted if one of our plays doesn't go over."

The group has long ago left the discussion stage and its program is a busy one. Following the Fast play, which deals with the Washington witchhunt, the group will put on a play by Barnard Rubin called *Candy Store*. That will be followed by Alice Childress' full-length play on a Harlem theme which is as yet untitled. A new play by Herb Tank is also in the offing.

Continuous production at lowest priced theatre seats in New York is the group's policy. They are planning programs of one-act plays and they are piling up scripts to keep on tap for production. "Our emphasis is on new plays," said Rubin. "We are going to build a working class theatre for New York, one

which will build audiences as well as playwrights and actors.

We told Rubin how enthusiastic it made us feel to hear this news. "Well, we feel pretty good," he said. "I think we've established the kind of set-up that will insure the highest kind of democracy in production, one that will help us fulfill our responsibility to theatre-going progressives and which will build the kind of theatre that we have all been talking about for so long in the left movement."



BARNARD RUBIN

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York 7, New York  
October 2, 1950

MEMO:

RE: FREEDOM OF THE PRESS COMPANY, INC.;  
F & D PRINTING COMPANY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On September 12th and 14th, 1950, [redacted]  
[redacted] Brooklyn, New York, voluntarily appeared at the New  
York Office and furnished information concerning Freedom of the  
Press Company, Inc., and the F & D Printing Company, together with  
information concerning certain employees of these organizations.

[redacted] requested that his name be maintained on a  
confidential basis and in the event this information is reported  
he should be covered by a T symbol.

[redacted] advised that he has been employed by the F & D  
Printing Company since early 1947, and has gained the information  
reported through his own observation and through contacts with  
known Communist employees of the F & D Printing Company.

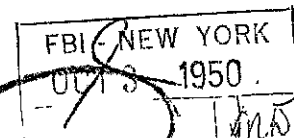
[redacted] stated that as a result of a cutback in employment  
in the Freedom of the Press Company, Inc., particularly in the  
editorial staff of the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker", certain  
editorial employees have been discharged and he listed the names as  
follows:

BARNARD RUBIN  
TRACY HARTWELL  
HERB TANK  
JOHN HESS

LEE COLLER  
BILL MARDO (aka William Blom  
Mardo)  
JOSE YGLESIAS.

cc: 100-94412 (F & D Printing Company, Inc.) 100-86266 (LEE COLLER)  
100-81135 (GERALD COOK) 100-76747 (BILL MARDO)  
100-48274 (BARNARD RUBIN) 100-94428 (JOSE YGLESIAS)  
100-87330 (TRACY HARTWELL) 100-76550 (HARRY GELLER)  
100-43480 (HERB TANK) 100-54521 (MORRIS GOLOS)  
100-67278 (JOHN HESS) 100-11226 (FANNIE GOLOS)

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He further advised that ARNOLD SROOG, a reporter, has not been seen in the "Daily Worker" building for several months. He further advised that LOUISE MITCHELL (aka LOUISE MITCHELL COOPERMAN and LOUISE MITCHELL COOPER) had also been absent for an extended period and he is of the opinion that she is no longer employed as a reporter.

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According to the informant, GERALD COOK, a reporter for the "Daily Worker", who resided at 276 First Avenue, New York City, had been dismissed by the paper several months ago and a rumor was current in the plant that he had left his wife and small child. According to [ ] COOK has not been seen in the building since this time and it is further rumored that he is doing secret Party work away from New York City. He further advised that one ANTHONY PORTA (aka TONY PORTA), a linotype operator in the F & D Printing Company, was one of the most ardent Comrades in the plant. He advised that PORTA had attempted to convert him to the Communist Party but had not succeeded.

[ ] further stated that he had been informed that in 1941, when the alien enemy registration took place PORTA went to Cuba and did not return until March, 1947. He stated that PORTA does not work regularly at the F & D Printing Plant, and frequently goes to Cuba.

[ ] stated that he has been told that PORTA was born in Barcelona, Spain, and that he does not believe that he is a citizen.

The informant also mentioned the name of HARRY CHANDLER as an ardent Comrade in the F & D Plant. He further stated he was a former sailor and advised he has spent an extended time in Mexico.

[ ] also mentioned the name of HARRY GELLER, who is a proof reader and one of the Communist employees of the F & D Printing Company.

[ ] advised that a fourth employee, SAMUEL CEFKIN, went to Russia in either the late 1920s or early 1930s, where he worked on the Russian newspaper "Pravda". The informant stated that although he has heard CEFKIN speak of conditions in Russia in glowing terms, he has also noted that CEFKIN returned to this country during "hard times" and worked in the F & D Printing Company Plant one day a week.

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[ ] stated that ARTHUR STEIN continues as President of the F & D Printing Company and that one MORRIS GOLOS is Vice President of this firm. He stated that GOLOS is Foreman of the "Morning Freiheit" composing room and is generally regarded as a slave driver. [ ] further characterized GOLOS as being ignorant, stupid, and inept. He stated that GOLOS has a very poor command of the English language and reads and writes English in an uneducated manner. He stated that although GOLOS is the Foreman in the Jewish language composing room, his knowledge of the Jewish language is worse than that of English.

FOIA(b)(7) D. [ ] stated that as a matter of interest, even the comrades in the plant are at a loss to understand how GOLOS has reached such a high position and they are of the opinion that it is due to his affiliations with the Communist Party and also take some credulousness in a rumor that a close relative of GOLOS has a high position in Russia. [ ] stated that GOLOS' wife, FANNIE or FANNY, is a Communist Party member who is an official in one of the locals of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

[ ] advised that during the Peace Rally in August 2, 1950, at Union Square, New York City, which rally turned into a riot, Mrs. GOLOS took some small part by standing in the vicinity of 14th Street and Seventh Avenue, and directing persons who appeared as likely prospects to the scene of the rally. He stated that it was common talk in the plant that Mrs. GOLOS did not get "anywhere near the scene of action."

LAX KURTZ, wa: MICHAEL KURTZ, 2059 McGraw Avenue, Bronx, New York, was another Communist Party member employed in the F & D Printing Plant. It was stated by the informant that as a matter of interest BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., former Communist New York City Councilman, still uses the stationery listing him as a City Councilman on which to write his articles for the "Daily Worker."

[ ] also stated that there was one New York printing firm which does Communist Party work besides the Prompt Press and he listed this as the Barr Printing Company, 415 West 55th Street, New York City. He also stated that this firm does the printing for the Communist members in the International Typographical Union, Number Six, New York City.

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It is noted that [redacted] furnished a diagram showing the layout of the seventh floor of the building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York City. This diagram was placed into a file entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA; INTERNAL SECURITY - C" (100-4931), as an attachment to the memorandum of the writer dated September 14, 1950.

The foregoing is furnished for the purpose of information.

THORNTON M. WOOD, SA



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York 7, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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MEMO:

RE: Mr. & Mrs. Barnard Rubin  
545 W 150th St. NYC.  
SM-C

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On 6-30-50, Confidential Informant [redacted] made available to the New York Office evidence concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from 35 E. 12th Street, New York, N.Y. This building is occupied by the following organizations, which are under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc. ("Worker" and "Daily Worker"); Morning Freiheit Association ("Morning Freiheit" and "Jewish Life"); Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F. & D. Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N.Y. State; Communist Party - N.Y. County.

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For original evidence see exhibit # 1B 7090 in file # 100-85800.

Description of exhibit:

List of names and addresses of numerous persons many of whom are noted to be C.P. members or functionaries. Subjects' name is on this list.

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New York 7, New York

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November 15, 1950

MEMO:

RE: NEW FOUNDATIONS.  
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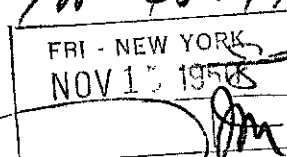
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For original evidence see exhibit 1B18 in file #100- 88005

Description of exhibit:

Press release of above announcing a forum on 9-10-50 featuring SIDNEY FINKELSTEIN and BARNARD RUBIN, discussing "Socialist Realism in the Arts" signed by ELEANOR GOTTESFOCHT for "New Foundations".

CC: 100- 48274  
100- 90835



EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

# Meeting Saturday To Honor G. B. S.

New Playwrights, Inc., will present an evening in honor of George Bernard Shaw this Saturday at the Czechoslovak Workers Home, with the major address to be delivered by Mike Gold, America's outstanding proletarian writer. Alice Childress, author of 'Just a Little Simple,' and Arnold Manoff, author of 'All You Need is One Good Break,' will be among the other speakers.

Barnard Rubin, director of New Playwrights and author of 'Candy Store,' the theatre's next production will chair the meeting.

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**Sunday Night**  
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# **Joins Cast of 'Candy Store'**



HESH BERNARDI, who scored last year with his hilarious "Competition" number with the Caravan, has joined the cast of Candy Store, Barnard Rubin's new play, premiered by New Playwrights at the Czechoslovak Workers House, 347 E. 72 St., Feb. 23. Alice Childress, noted Negro theatre artist is featured in Candy Store, as is Charles Zimmerman, Elbert Hines of the Chicago Negro Actors Theatre, Herbert and Ruth Armstrong and Neil Polidori. Candy Store is directed by Dolph Greene.

The New Playwrights office is open from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m. for bookings from groups and organizations. Particularly low booking rates designed especially for fund-raising purposes are available. Phone RHineland 4-9273.

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## U.S.-Soviet Group Calls Parley Here

"How to Avoid War and Make Peace" is the theme of the annual Educational Conference called by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship for Saturday at the Brevoort Hotel.

Nine conference leaders have been named for the program: Dr. Harry F. Ward, Dr. Joseph F. Fletcher, Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild, Mrs. Eslanda Goode Robeson, George Marion, author of the recent book "All Quiet in the Kremlin," Hugh Deane, staff writer of the Daily Compass, Cedric Belgrave, editor of the National Guardian, and Peter and June Furst, recently home after five years in Eastern Europe as newspaper correspondents.

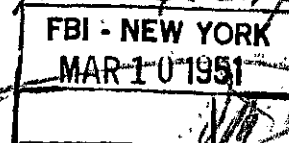
The conference, beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding at 6:00 p.m. is divided into five periods. The questions are: How shall we deal with the revolution against inequality in Asia and Africa? Where does the United States stand in Europe? What are we to believe about the Soviet Union? Are peaceful settlements and peaceful co-existence possible? What are the prospects of the American peace movement?

Dr. Kingsbury announced the publication by the national council of the text of the recent interview of Premier Joseph Stalin with the newspaper Pravda, prepared in small leaflet form for distribution at printing cost.

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## 'CANDY STORY' TONIGHT

The premier of Barnard Rubins' Dolph Green and concerns the new play Candy Story takes place tonight (Friday) at the Czechoslovak Workers House, 347 E. 72 St., N. Y.

The play features Alice Childress, distinguished Negro actress and author of Florence and Just A Little Simple in the leading role of Esther Roan.

The cast also includes Charles Zimmerman of Just A Little Simple; Herb Armstrong, remembered as "Blackie" in Longitude 49; Neil Polidori, a veteran of 15 years in the people's theatre movement; Elbit Hines of the Harlem Unity Theatre and Chicago Negro Actors Theatre; Ruth Armstrong of All My Sons and the Harlem Unity Theatre.

Candy Story is directed by

the fortunes of a family who own and work in a typical New York City neighborhood candy store.

New Playwrights office is now open for bookings from groups and organizations. Low booking rates for performances during the week are designed especially for organizational fund-raising purposes, the group announces. Tickets are also available for this and other weekends. Call RHinckland 4-9273 between 3 p. m. and 6 p. m. for details or write to New Playwrights, 347 E. 72 St.

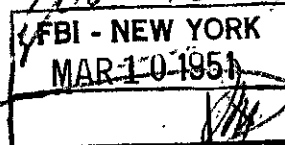
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**— TONIGHT! —**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 2nd**  
*The historic premiere of the*  
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**The Candy Story**  
*by* **BARNARD RUBIN**  
*Directed by* **DOLPH GREEN**  
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 —MIKE GOLD, Worker  
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# CIO Raids Mapped on Store Locals

By Mel Fiske

Plans for raiding the progressive-led department store locals of the Distributive, Processing and Office workers Union were completed yesterday by CIO officials. CIO organization director Allan S. Haywood prepared to come to New York March 7 to speak before the membership meeting of Local 1-S, composed of Macy workers, which the CIO hopes to make the nucleus for its raiding operations. At this meeting, to be

held in Manhattan Center, Macy's workers who left the CIO in 1948 in protest against the CIO's dictatorial practices, will be asked to vote on whether to submit to CIO rule again.

Haywood made lavish promises to Local 1-S executive board members and the local's president, Sam Kovenetsky, when he met with them Feb. 19. The executive board voted 50 to 3 to return to Haywood's fold.

A day later, Haywood announced the opening of a new "organizing" drive among the city's department store workers. He said R. J. Thomas, former CIO United Auto Workers president, would head a new Department Store Workers Organizing Committee, despite a CIO statement that "the CIO has no desire to impose itself. CIO feels that officers and board members should come from the industry."

Kovenetsky will be one of two vice-chairman of the new committee, Haywood said. Another vice-chairman will be selected from former officials of the dominant Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union. Three more former RWDSU officials will be chosen for posts on the nine-man organizing committee.

The deal between Haywood and Kovenetsky opened the door for the return of the sell-out artists who controlled the discredited Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union before the department store workers broke away in disgust.

With Thomas and two more CIO officials and the three RWDSU officials as members of the organizing committee, Kovenetsky and his two Local 1-S cohorts, slated to be added to the group, will be outnumbered and outvoted.

The set-up established the basis for the same backdoor sellout agreements made by RWDSU of-

licals with department store owners. Macy workers, along with the thousands in Hearn's, Bloomingdale's, Gimbel's and Saks, rebelled against these backdoor agreements in 1948.

Their rebellion was against the corruption and dictatorial practices of Samuel Wolchok, RWDSU president, and several of his followers as well. Wolchok has since become labor relations director for a large New York dairy chain.

Macy shop stewards were being lined up in advance for the March 7 meeting, but opposition against the Kovenetsky-Haywood deal was building up nevertheless, in the huge main Macy store, and in several branches in outlying sections of the city.

The Local 1-S, United Retail Workers, executive board voted to conduct a two-day secret ballot poll of the union's members. Voting on the proposal will take place on March 8 and 9 at the union's office, 125 W. 33 St., and at sites yet to be determined for branch store members.

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# 'Candy Story' Wins Cheers From Enthusiastic Audience

**NEW PLAYWRIGHTS, Inc.**, presents *The Candy Story* by Bernard Rubin. Directed by Dolph Greene. Set and lighting executed by Monroe Chasson. At the Czechoslovak Workers House, 347 E. 72 St., N. Y. C.

## The Cast

Pop (David) Roan	Charles Zimmermann
Eddie Numbers Man	Angelo Davis
Ector	Joe Coren
Boy with Magazine	Alan Schaffer
Johnnie	Elbert Hines
Al	Neil Polidori
Bill Collector	Lee Michel
Mom (Esther) Roan	Alice Childress
Sarah Roan	Ruth Armstrong
Sol	Hertert
Customer	Billy Ered
Willoughby	Hesh Bernardi
First Goon	Joe Coren
Little Girl	Betty Bernardi
Customer	Renée Schissel
Minister	Stanley Greene
Mrs. Astencio	Louise Craig
Cherry Soda	Betty Bernardi
Mr. Bank-God	Hesh Bernardi

## By Bob Lauter

**REALITY** is coming back to the theatre. Not on Broadway where the drama is drawing further and further from the people, but on the little stage of the Czechoslovak Workers House where Bernard Rubin's *The Candy Story* won cheers from an enthusiastic audience.

We are indebted to Bernard Rubin, to director Dolph Greene, to production manager Monroe Chasson and to all those whose efforts have gone into building *New Playwrights*, for this contribution to the growth of working-class culture in the United States.

*The Candy Story* is a moving drama, enlivened by many moments of humor, a play which rejects what passes for standards on the commercial stage, and draws on that passion which flows from partisanship—the working-class partisanship without which no people's culture will be born today.

**THE CANDY STORY** weaves the twin themes of an aging couple who fight a hopeless battle



**ALICE CHILDRESS**

against the monopolies, and the struggle of a union of retail clerks battling a giant chain store and a corrupt officialdom. The candy store, run by Mom and Pop Roan, serves as an unofficial headquarters for the pickets.

One of the achievements of the play is its presentation of Communists, not as mechanical figures who enter from time to time and whose lines serve as explanatory footnotes to the action, but as an integral part of the action, falling naturally into the structure of the drama.

**THE CAST** of seventeen, including Charlie Zimmermann as Pop Roan, Herbert Armstrong as Sol, Ruth Armstrong as Sarah Roan, Elbert Hines as Johnnie, and Neil Polidori, as Al, brought both skill and sincerity to their work. But it is impossible to speak of this production without a tribute to the truly magnificent performance of the Negro actress, Alice Childress, who infuses a genuine sense of the tragic into the role of Mom Roan, the middle-aged woman who fights with her husband to retain the

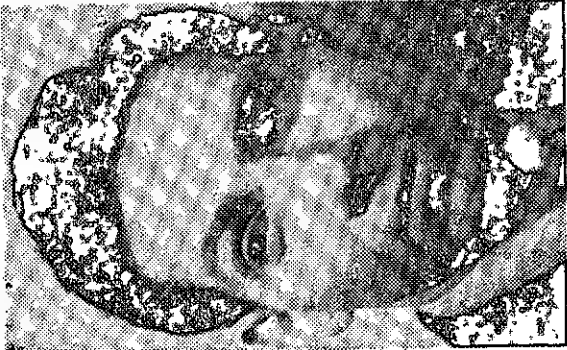


**NEIL POLIDORI**

shabby little shop. Here is the best performance to be seen in New York City today.

*The Candy Story* poses the fullness and isolation of the small shopkeeper against the collective strength of the organized working class as both face a common enemy in the monopolies. Mom and Pop Roan are the most powerful and completely realized characters in the play. Bernard Rubin has been successful in using them as a vehicle to expose the drab lives of small shopkeepers whose energies, talents and strength are broken down into the pennies with which to pay the landlord and the tobacco companies. The prison which is their candy store has drained them of spirit, of joy, of even the capacity for love.

**THERE ARE PLENTY** of precedents for the theatrical portrayal of lower middle-class characters and their disintegration in the face



**HESH BERNARDI**

of the economic pressures of the monopolies. Such, for instance, was the theme of Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*. Bourgeois writers have developed many spurious resolutions for the conflicts of the middle class. One is to allow their characters to escape upwards, to provide the happy ending with a bag of money. Another more sophisticated approach is to attempt to portray the barren tenuity of "candy store" life as possessing a mystic beauty of its own, or to dignify empty despair as the epitome of tragedy. This counterfeited often passes as the "progressive" approach.

But the real tragedy of the lower middle-class is that its illusions perpetuate its own sufferings—and one of these illusions is the illusion of futurity. For those members of the lower middle class who find their places as the allies of the workers can break out of their squirrel cage and invest their lives

with meaning and dignity.

**THIS IS** the tragedy of Mom Roan, who expresses, in fluent terms, backed by the apparent reality of the situation, the desperate longing of mothers throughout the country to "save" their children by pushing them one rung up the ladder of class society. Thus Mom Roan confronts her daughter Sarah to warn her against marrying the Communist rank and file leader of the union local, instead of seeking the security of marriage to a business or professional man.

Mom and Pop Roan, derived from a theatrical tradition, are fully rounded characters whose situation is genuine and deeply affecting. Rubin has not been quite as successful in developing as rounded a picture of his unionists and his Communist workers. Consequently, Mom and Pop Roan, whose class outlook is so compellingly drawn, at times overshadow the class outlook of the Communists.

**YET THE AMERICAN theatre** is pitifully barren in providing precedents and tradition for the development, not of working-class characters as such, but of working-class characters with a working-class outlook. In breaking down this unwritten taboo, *The Candy Story* advances the development of a people's culture.

There are other criticisms such as the inclusion of a brief Saroyan-like episode that bears no organic relation to the play, or the insufficient development of Al, the reluctant picket who wavers before red-baiting and underestimates the strength of the working class. But *The Candy Story* brings to its overall theme the illuminating effects of working-class partisanship as opposed to that "classless" objectivity so dear to capitalism. Don't miss it.

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—MICHAEL GOLD

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—BARNARD RUBIN

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA,  
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On August 18, 1951, Mrs. JOSEPHINE TRUSLOW ADAMS, Suffern, New York (Telephone 51886) telephonically contacted the writer and advised that she was a contact of Special Agent J. Robinson Field. Mrs. ADAMS stated that several days ago she talked to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and had invited her up to her home in the country to spend a few days. FLYNN advised that she did not believe it would be possible at the present time but during the conversation with Mrs. ADAMS she stated that at the time the second four skipped bail they hid out at BERNARD RUBIN'S place on upper Third Avenue but she stated that "they are not living there now". MRS. ADAMS stated she believed that ELIZABETH FLYNN told her this because she was a good friend of several party members although not a Communist Party member herself. She stated that BERNARD RUBIN was a member of the VALB and a very good friend of ROBERT THOMPSON. She also stated that SAL RUBIN and his mother also lived at the same address as BERNARD and it was entirely possible that all four of the second group could have stayed in one of the above apartments.

It is noted that BERNARD RUBIN is an SI subject of this office and subject of New York File 100-48274. His residence is listed as 1132 Third Avenue, New York City.

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## Suggestions for Candy Story

The important play 'Candy Story' by Barnard Rubin which had a successful run in Manhattan and is now attracting wide interest in Brighton is the subject of the following letter from a reader.—Feature Editor.

Editor, Feature Section:

Please excuse my criticisms of Barnard Rubin's Candy Story coming at this late date but I just managed to see the play for the first time this week.

Before leveling these criticisms, I wish to say that Rubin's play comes as a breath of fresh air penetrating the museum-like waxiness of dying characters of a dying class seen today on Broadway. It is a play which one recognizes as being close to our lives, as being important in comparison to the trivia of Broadway. I level the criticisms in the hope that Rubin may profit by them and thereby enrich the progressive theatre on a yet higher level.

A number of debatable changes happen within the play which are not accounted for in the action of the play. I feel that Rubin has not shown us the reasons for these changes, accounting for a certain feeling at the end that "things worked out for themselves."

For example, the last we see of Sarah Roan in Act I, she cannot decide to marry Sol, because of the time he occupies in working class struggles. She wants more of a "home life," and politics relegated to Sol's "spare time."

In Act II however Sarah suddenly decides to marry Sol. She becomes strong enough to withstand her mother's strong emotional pleading. True, in the interval, Sol has been beaten up by company goons, but a woman in Sarah's situation could also be further frightened into sticking to her original position. No reason is given for her choosing this path of the two. The same holds true of Al's wife.

In Act I we are led to believe that her political consciousness is not too high. She would rather have Al stay away from union meetings because of the price of the carfare. In Act II (via telephone) she encourages him to fight together with the strikers. A person in her position could do two things (or more). Her children suffering through Al's loss of income she could tell Al to get another job or even to scab (as people with little political consciousness might possibly do—e.g. Hurstwood in Dreiser's Sister Carrie) but she suddenly becomes militant and motivates Al to do likewise. The causality and moreover a transformation leading to such decisions is missing and the characters suffer by it.

The people do not grow (at least outwardly) and we do not know why they have suddenly

risk a beating at the hands of the goons and gives Sol the letters. Why? As one who is losing his business, being squeezed between the Chain and the Bank, he can very well give up the store and be further convinced of the senselessness of struggle. In Act III he is discouraging Sarah from "fighting the world." Suddenly he loses his fear. He could have kept silent. Why does he now risk his life.

There is no reason within the action of the play. There is no hint at his growth, and once again the about face is mechanical.

Perhaps the truest character in the play finds her completely in the play is Mom Roa, as the end of the play finds her completely broken and mighty so (in terms of the action of the play) since there is no sign of growth of progressive consciousness on her part.

Finally I felt a disappointment in the character of Sol. As a Communist, there is no growth of his character in the play and this is perhaps the key to the failure of the growth of the others. His character is not visibly acting upon them most of the play, and he does little towards their growth which would seem to be his rightful function. We only hear of his leadership—most of which is offstage. He is not involved in the interaction with either Al or Johnnie but is the titular leader of the strike. He does maintain his Communist ethics and refuses to sell out, but we do not know why. We never even know why he is a Communist. In short we do not understand him as a human being (except those of us who come to the theatre with his ideas already a part of us). He is the same at the end as he was at the beginning—a man of great principle but one whose

character has not bent under the impact of any others.

The humor of the play I felt was warm, and gratifyingly free from a certain forcedness of made-up wit and punch lines. It was a humor of the type that surrounds the lives of working people. But the bookie and the youth with the sex magazines—were they really integrated and made a part of the story? I think not. They took the form of comedy tossed in but they were not really involved in the progress of the story and did not contribute to a direction of the action.

One last comment. The Roans are undoubtedly a petty bourgeois Jewish family, but suffer from a certain lack of distinction which should go with their position in society.

The Negro in the play (Johnnie) teaches us something of the nature of the special problems of Negro workers. He is a porter (Negroes always get the menial job) and he shocks Al and awakens him by telling him he doesn't want to be white but is proud to struggle as a Negro for his rights.

But there are no problems of the Roans which are particular to Jewish people (and Hell knows there are many) and the only thing which marks them as Jewish is an accent and a few Yiddish words spoken.

I hate to think that they are used for the humor to be gotten from their accent. Why are they not just a plain petty bourgeois family if their problems are those faced by the petty bourgeoisie in general?

On the whole, as I said, we have an honest and brave playwright dealing with the real stuff of life and my concern in this criticism is to try to point to those things which may help in reaching a wider audience and presenting this life (mainly distorted by the bourgeoisie) in a more convincing way.

—M. C.

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**'Candy Story' in  
Foreign Languages**

Two foreign language productions of Barnard Rubin's play, The Candy Story were announced yesterday by New Playwrights, which is presenting the show Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at the Brighton Community Center.

One of the new productions will be in Jewish and staged at Los Angeles. The other will be in Singhalese and presented by the University of Ceylon Theater in Colombo, capital of the far off island.

The Jewish production will have its premiere next month at the Folks Buehne, Los Angeles, under the direction of Reuben Wendorf, Jewish actor and director who appeared here in Arnold Manoff's "All You Need Is One Good Break."

The Singhalese premiere is set for Dec. 1.

New Playwrights is in negotiations for other productions of the play in England, Germany, Czechoslovakia, and the Soviet Union.

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New Playwrights Theatre, Inc. (Chairman)

347 East 72nd Street, NYC

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## BARNARD RUBIN'S PLAY IS HAILED IN LONDON

Barnard Rubin's play 'Candy', ical perception and a wealth of story which drew packed houses human understanding," the paper for nearly a year in New York said, adding: "The Unity production is by Frank Rhodes, who, with 'was given a grand reception in the aid of an excellent cast, does Unity Theatre, London' on its opening night, said the London justice to the powerful and moving message of the play. The acting lived up to the great traditions Daily Worker recently. (The play is now in its second month). "It is written with keen politics of this little theatre."

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# New Playwrights' Statement On 'Wedding in Japan'

The following statement was issued by the New Playwrights group on its recent production of "Wedding in Japan":

Firm in the belief that mistakes publicly made must be publicly acknowledged, New Playwrights makes this statement about its production, and withdrawal, of "Wedding in Japan."

As a theatre dedicated to serving the people and the people's causes we feel we owe this to our friends, supporters, the many thousands who have seen our plays, and the Japanese-Americans and Negro members of our audiences who pointed out the theatre's errors and guided us to understand them.

The decision to close the play was the result of a number of meetings with members of the Japanese community, one of which was an open public forum. The actual decision was reached on the evening of Sept. 3 prior to published criticism of the play in the press, criticism with which the theatre is in agreement.

The uncritical acceptance of the play and its production was a chauvinist act on the part of New Playwrights, reflecting a racist attitude toward the Japanese and Asian peoples. The production of the play helped to perpetuate the myth that Asian peoples have a contempt for life, including their own. This myth is a cornerstone of the chauvinist propaganda of American imperialism. It is part and parcel of the propaganda about Asian "hordes" whose lives can be destroyed by napalm and atomic bombs without discomfort to the white man's conscience. It must be linked to the racist policy of using the inhuman atom bomb against an already defeated Japan.

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The Japanese people today are a quasi-colonial people under the direct domination and oppression of a war-bent American imperialism. Japanese workers, with the conscious support of millions of Japanese people, particularly women, have been leading a tremendous and heroic resistance to this vassalage and oppression, and to the plans of the war-makers to turn their homeland into a spearhead directed against the Asian peoples.

The production of the play portrayed none of this reality; nor did it in any way reflect this reality.

In the main what was seen on stage were only the old stereotypes of Asian "submissiveness," the chauvinist cliché of the lawning "Oriental" keeper, concessions to "Western" distortions of Japanese customs and culture in the scenery and other aspects of the staging—all untruthful and insulting to the Japanese people.

New Playwrights is deeply grateful to its Japanese-American and Negro friends, not only for pointing out the errors, but for the manner of their criticism which was that of fighting for a people's culture and national dignity. And for the high level and scope of their criticism which

culture in the theatre. Therefore, the standards we have set for ourselves call for thorough-going and incisive public and self-critical evaluation of our work.

A play cannot move in the direction of socialist realism when it presents an oppressed people on stage without in some way reflecting and illuminating the major truth about these people today. And that truth is that the colonial peoples, the oppressed peoples of the world, are in militant upsurge against imperialism.

It must be admitted that from the very beginning the theatre did not feel that the play portrayed reality in its revolutionary development, although we felt that in the main it would render an artistic service in the general struggle against reaction.

This fact, combined with the lack of critical and friendly assistance to the author, and the rush with which the play was produced for immediate gain, indicates that the theatre's errors are rooted in opportunism as well.

Both opportunism and chauvinism were extended by the early resistance on the part of the theatre to the criticism of its Japanese-American friends. Instead of recognizing immediately that their objections to the entire concept of the play were profoundly correct, the theatre opportunistically and arrogantly assumed that if only the ending were changed the production would not be objectionable.

The major responsibility for the production of the play is that of

New Playwrights. We failed in our responsibility to the author. It was our duty to work both critically and helpfully with an author whose intentions in "Wedding in Japan" were progressive, who attacked the Army brass court-martial and jimcrow frameup system, and some of its occupation policies, and who, as a writer of genuine talent and ability, can make great contributions to the people's culture. This we failed to do. Because of this remissness, responsibility for the unfortunate situation created by the production is ours. Two of the founders of the theatre, Herb Tank and Bernard Rubin, must and do assume primary responsibility.

It would be a grave mistake for those who have seen and liked the play, and for other writers and artists, to conclude that the criticisms of the play are narrow political ones, simply calling for the inclusion of political slogans or a more agitational approach. The political criticisms made by the Japanese-American friends of New Playwrights are profoundly artistic, demanding a truer and more artistic exploration and depiction of reality.

Finally, the basic lesson that this entire experience has served to bring out is the truth which should be axiomatic in the consciousness of all who work for people's culture—that a theatre which strives to be a people's theatre must learn from the people in order to serve the people. To this high objective, we of New Playwrights newly dedicate ourselves.

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## JEFFERSON SCHOOL FORUM HEARS SILLEN ON PEOPLE'S CULTURE

The Jefferson School Friday Evening Cultural Program opened with a stirring discussion on January 16, when a large audience heard Samuel Sillen speak on "Problems of a People's Culture in the United States."

The editor of Masses & Mainstream complimented the school on these "artist meets public" evenings, when progressive writers, musicians and painters will be able to present their work to an audience for discussion.

He spoke of the great need for stories of working class life.

Many progressive writers, he said, do not know the working people sufficiently to write of them with depth and understanding.

It is also necessary for writers, he said, to take an active part in the progressive struggles of the time, such as for peace, for the rights of the Negro people, for the freedom of the Rosenbergs.

At the same time he pointed out that there was no need for nostalgia over the "proletarian thirties." We have already gone beyond the thirties, in creative works of rich quality, and in clarity of thought. The thirties for example, he pointed out had no "novel like Lloyd Brown's 'Iron City.'" Especially significant today is the vanguard realistic role played by young Negro creative artists.

The audience was deeply interested in Sillen's discussion of "people's" and "working-class" culture.

We should strive, he said, for a "people's art" which would represent the broadest aspirations of the American people, such as the widespread desire for peace. And within this, an organic part of it should be an art representing specifically the scientific world view of the working class. After the address the audience kept the speaker on his feet for an hour and a half of comments and questions.

The next event in this "Friday cultural series" will take place tomorrow night (Friday), when ~~Bar~~ ~~and Rubin~~ author of the play "Candy Story," will describe and read excerpts from a new play, and will welcome comment and criticism from the listeners.

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**Barnard Rubin  
To Read Parts of  
His New Play**

The second in the series of 'Friday Evening' cultural sessions at the Jefferson School takes place tonight when Barnard Rubin, author of the play 'Candy Story' will describe and read excerpts from his new play.

It is said to be the first full-length play in the U.S. theatre which takes place entirely in a factory. Rubin will welcome comment and criticism from the listeners.

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## VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

## MEMORANDUM

RE: BARNARD RUBIN, was.

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The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: 1152 3rd Avenue, NY

Employment: Chairman, New Playwrights Theatre, Inc.  
347 East 72nd Street, NY

Address:

Remarks:

Man #19

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It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

Residence: 807 RIVERSIDE DR, NYC  
APT 4B

Employment: CHAIRMAN, NEW PLAYWRIGHTS THEATREAddress: 347 EAST 72nd St, N.Y.C.Verified by: W.K. BrenelMethod of Verification: Employment verified by Daily Worker article 9/19/54.Date: 1/21/53

The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above. Serial 100-48274-137. Serial 100-48274-138 shows return address of mail as 807 Riverside Dr, N.Y.C. Name B. RUBIN appears on mail box at that address with person by name G. MILLER (APT 4B). Supt. L. WILLIAMS ADVISED RUBIN RESIDES AT THAT ADDRESS AND IS KNOWN BY HIM TO BE A WRITER OF PLAYS.

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**Bill Robinson  
Reads Rubin Play**

For the second of the Jefferson School Friday night cultural programs, an interested audience came down to hear and discuss a reading of a new play by Bar-  
nard Rubin, author of "Candy Story."

These cultural programs, every Friday night present progressive artists and their work to an audience for appreciation, criticism, and mutual interchange of ideas.

The exciting play, heard by an audience for the first time, has a factory setting, and it includes such themes as the fight against speed-up, the peace campaign, the exposure of racism, and the attempt of the front office to recruit stoolpigeons.

The audience listened with absorption, and then commented on many aspects of the play, its themes and the way they were handled, including criticisms which were then taken up and discussed by the author.

Along with the play itself, a notable event was the magnificent reading performance by the young actor Bill Robinson, who took eight different roles, and simply by gestures and inflections of his voice, created the illusion of a stage filled with living people.

At the third Jefferson School cultural program tonight (Friday) the brilliant young Negro painter, Edward Strickland, will appear with a group of his new works, and will also read a challenging paper on critical and social realism in art, both of the past and of the present day.

Sidney Finkelstein will be chairman.

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TO: SAC, New York

FROM: SABINO P. CARONE, SA

SUBJECT: *BEN RUBIN*  
*SM-C*

DATE: *7/2/53*

On April 29, 1953, a highly confidential source advised that the name *Ben Rubin* of *807 Riverside Drive, NYC* was included on a list of names maintained by the Veteran's of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, 23 W. 26th St., New York, NY. The informant believed the list to be a mailing list and that the individuals included therein are either active in the VALB or are considered members in good favor by the VALE.

It is noted the VALB was declared to be a communist organization by the Attorney General.

This source is referred to in NY Memorandum dated May 5, 1953 and captioned "CP, USA - COMUGS, IS-C" a copy of which is located in 100-2545-2346A.

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WILFRED R. SCHLANSKY, SA (100-22563)

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE AUTO, SCIENCES AND PROTECTIONS, INC.

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Attached hereto is a copy of a written report dated June 25, 1953, of Panel Source [redacted] (use "T" symbol) who attended a general membership meeting of captioned organization held on June 17, 1953. Instant report was furnished to the writer on July 15, 1953:

It is to be noted that HAN BRENNER referred to by [redacted] is HAN BRENNER, FOIA(b)(7) D

The original written report of [redacted] is filed [redacted].

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- 1 - NY 100-22569 (IRVING ADLER)
  - 1 - NY 100-104386 (HAN BRENNER)
  - 1 - NY 100-104250 (ALICE CHILDRESS)
  - 1 - NY 100-108118 (LESTER COLE)
  - 1 - NY 100-96466 (STANLEY GREENBERG)
  - 1 - NY 100-96450 (JOHN RABDOLOFF)
  - ① - NY 100-42874 (BARBARA RUBIN)

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Report on June 17th meeting of the A.S.I.

Topic: "Toward a Democratic Theatre"

Before the theatre topic was introduced a general meeting was held. Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT was introduced as the new director of the NY council. Later it was disclosed that she is connected with the "Daily Compass" newspaper.

It was still a time of hope for the SCENICISTS, as a special train was to leave Penn. Station for Washington in the morning. Volunteers were needed. Of the special "\$8.10 round" trip price, the A.S.I. was putting up \$8.00. This together with full-page appeals which they hoped to get into the next day's "Daily News & Mirror" put them "in the hole" for \$40,000.00. "HALL" BROTHERS appealed for funds.

IRVING ABLER, the national director of the N.C. A.S.I. in replying to a statement made by a member who felt "Progressive" people should never relax, especially as regards to the "OBVIOUS", stated that, referring to the administration "our enemies, and after all they are our enemies, will never relax".

Coming into the theatre discussion Mr. LEOPOLD COLE, playwright, led off with a lengthy, very well phrased talk on how anyone who works the off-Broadway theatres (in reality, "Allied Actors", "Villains Players", and other "Groups") can never play in a Broadway theatre, via the Blacklist. He hoped some day to find young people, politically innocent, who would not use those small theatres as a stepping-stone, but would work these theatres and bring the theatre to the people.

This ended the topic for the evening. JOHN ABRAHAM followed and told how in order to survive he had to work in theatres where Negroes were barred from acting.

FRANK C. TUNE, a Negro, told how great it felt to work in dollars with only \$1.00 for an audience. No one disagreed.

ALICE STEINBERG, BARBARA RUBIN, IRVING COLE got into such an involved discussion of blacklists, etc., that 75% of the audience left. When the smoke cleared a member asked what these meetings were worth if the audience could not stay. A red-faced Mr. BENNY BUCHHEIT had no answer to the fact that there is a running history of off-Broadway theatre groups.

IRVING COLE mentioned that the theatre division might go up to Rochester and certain Mr. JEFFERSON'S chain of super markets. Mr. JOE KANE is supposed to be a legislator who is behind the blacklists.

No general meeting mention was made of the forthcoming Peace Lobby in Washington, D.C. June 26th.

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RE: BARNARD RUBIN

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The following is the most recent residence address, place of employment and employment address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Residence: Apt. 4B, 807 Riverside Drive  
NY, NY

Employment: Chairman, New Playwrights Theatre, Inc.  
Address: 347 E. 72nd St.  
NY, NY

Remarks: Man #30 photo

It is requested that the residence address of the subject, place of employment and address of employment be verified and the proper notation be made below:

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Employment: *Unknown*

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Re: BARNARD RUBIN

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In October 27, 1953;

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[redacted] 807 Riverside Drive, N.Y.C.  
advised that RUBIN currently resides in  
apt 4B at that address and is a writer. He  
said that he does not know the place  
of employment of the subject.

Investigation has disclosed that the  
United Lodge of Theosophists are located  
in the building at 347 E 72nd St, N.Y.C.,  
formerly the address of the New Playwrights  
Theatre, Inc. A phone call to an unknown  
party associated with the Lodge has  
disclosed that that organization occupies  
the whole building at that address.  
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the New Playwrights Theatre Inc.

On 10/28/53 Mr P. J. Flaherty, Postmaster<sup>U.S.P.O.</sup>,<sub>1</sub> Lenox Hill Station, 221 E 70th Street, N.Y.C. advised that the records of that Post Office show the New Playwrights Theatre Inc had moved to Box 65, Rego Park, L.I., N.Y. He said the records contain no information concerning the subject.

On 10/29/53, William Haber, Post Office Inspector's Office, U.S.P.O., 33rd & Park Ave, N.Y.C. advised Box 65, Rego Park, L.I., N.Y. had been rented to a MAX HURNI, PG-26 62nd Ave, Rego Park, L.I., N.Y. It was closed on 7/30/53 and on 7/23/53 HURNI furnished a removal notice to the Post Office, giving his new address as Box 67, Newbury Port, Mass. Haber was unable to furnish any information



concerning the New Playwrights Theatre Inc. or the subject.

A review of the current N.Y.C. Telephone directory disclosed a listing for New Playwrights Inc, 405 W 41st St, N.Y.C. Mr. Linkel, clerk, Times Square Post Office Station, 340 W 42nd St, N.Y.C. advised he has no record for that organization.

Investigation at 405 W 41st St, N.Y.C. disclosed the Yugoslav-American Home Inc is located at that address. Inquiry of an unknown individual at that address disclosed that the New Playwrights Inc used to be located at that address but had moved to an unknown location in about the Spring 1953. It is recommended that this case be reopened to ascertain employment of subj.

SA WILLIAM F. BREWEL

# TV Views

## One of the Lucksters on the Air

By LEE NEWTON

ARTHUR GODFREY, who is supposed to be the biggest thing on American TV, is a husky, middle-aged chap with a fine, carefully-combed but casual-looking head of hair on a broad, pleasant face which is heavy and carefully pixy-ish at the same time. His voice is deep, tolerant and casual. He affects a vividly colored, open-neck, tieless blouse. Godfrey sits at a desk covered with his notes and the products of his many sponsors plainly in view. As a matter of fact, throughout the show, he personally consumes in full view of his audience two of the products of his major sponsors—Chesterfield cigarettes and Lipton's tea. He is always smoking the first and sips from a cup of the latter.

During an hour that I watched the show recently in addition to these two, the following products were also advertised: a toothpaste, a coffee, a pancake flour, a variety of canned tuna fish, home furnishings, a cracker, a brand of milk, a brand of apple, a dog food, a soap—and this listing does not include the commercials which occurred in that half hour I missed.

Godfrey has the reputation of kidding his sponsors. The kidding turned out to be milder than Chesterfields, and his expressed respect for the products much greater, I suspect, than that of the sponsors themselves. While urging his audience to buy, he says things like, "You owe it to your health . . ." and "Take it from me, there is none better: they're doggone good."

GODFREY recites the commercials with tremendous sincerity, depth of feeling, a true inner passion and a genuine quiet emotion which makes unnecessary the loud, slick, artificial flamboyancy of lesser peddlers.

Godfred gets the same respect from his performers—mainly singers of popular songs—that he accords his sponsors. When he addresses them with fond ribbing humor, they get up on their feet, only grovel a little bit, and address him as "Sir." The exception to this routine is the Mariners—a quartet including two Negroes.

Between commercials and his performers' songs Godfrey reads odd items from newspapers and makes mildly amusing comments on them. One was what I suppose his publicity army might call slightly off-color, but actually was the kind that any hearty, man-to-man clergyman would think nothing of repeating in public. Talking of clergymen, CBS is not averse to having it known that Godfrey gets more fan mail than any other TV performer, including Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. Godfrey, it is claimed, gets an average of 60,000 letters a month and the Bishop an average of 32,000.

Arbitrarily knocking off 90 per cent of these figures as publicity nonsense what remains is still a sizeable correspondence.

Godfrey read from a couple of these letters on his program—or, at least, he said that's what they were. One was a fairly good gag, but, being a rotter at heart, I could not but visualize the crude hand of the professional gag writer.

GODFREY also philosophizes. He took a firm stand in favor of honesty. He was daring: he endorsed a quotation from a psychiatrist who said that the family's welfare rather than the bore

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who is visiting it should be considered, and that the bore therefore should be quickly gotten rid of. This hit a chord and the listener could hear appreciative, knowing and reminiscent chuckles from some members of the studio audience. Godfrey laughed quietly, slowly, in deep tones and at some length at all this. He undergoes that kind of laughter quite often during the program.

Along with many "by gollys" and "where the heck's" Godfrey was careful to mention at least once his "good friends" Bernard Baruch and Secretary of Defence Wilson.

He quoted what he called a "good line" from his friend Wilson. "I want a man to work for me who won't think he's sick when he sweats."

Toward the end of the program Godfrey talked very sincerely about the beauty of the scenery in Virginia where he's broadcasting from while recuperating from an operation. The camera obligingly showed us some of it. He hoped his TV audience could only enjoy it with him—also the beautiful sun he was basking in.

There is no question that innumerable citizens go for Godfrey. As an actor would say, he projects. And, expertly. His personality is definitely felt through the TV screen and he works hard concealing the fact that he's working hard at projecting a friendly, casual, intimate personality.

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**NOTHING FANCY** about Godfrey: he's in your living room when you're lonely or upset or with nothing better to do, and he isn't knocking your head off with a lot of noise. You need companionship: Godfrey's there and taking life as it should be taken—easy. That's a nice way to be in a poor mixed-up world—friendly, easy, casual, warm—nobody's fool, too. Bing Crosby knows the secret. Will Rogers knew it, too. Although a friend of mine who knew Will, says that Will was more—well, honest.

# TV Views

## How the Comics Are Faring

By **LEE NEWTON**

**JACKIE GLEASON.** Puts on a lavish show with a Ziegfeldian use of pretty girls, minus the nudity. An able comic with more than a trace of the old burlesque technique. Shines in skits where he portrays a bus driver who, at the end, recognizes how valuable a mate his wife is. Also when he portrays a rich ne'er do-well. Doesn't shine when he's Gleason straight. Show is loused up by too-long and too many commercials.

**RED BUTTONS.** Another able comedian with the old burlesque technique. Plus a sort of gentler, more innocent Groucho Marx gamin quality.

**JIMMY DURANTE.** Disappointed in the Schnozzola's premiere. Lavishness of the Gleason show was imitated—girls and



**JIMMY DURANTE**

all—and Durante got lost in it. Timing of most of his business

was off—mostly too stretched out. Guest John Wayne, for my money, projected nothing and contributed less. A Durante-Wayne skit, satirizing the Royal Mountie movie, died pronto but was kicked around long after it was dead. Too few flashes of the real Durante here. More authority to Durante over character of the show, particularly his own material, might help.

**STUDIO ONE.** Caught a script titled *Music and Mrs. Pratt* starring Elsa Lanchester. The idea behind this one was that a domineering old multimillionaire, arrogant with her 71 million dollars from oil, could turn out to be a nice old lady after all. Even Elsa Lanchester couldn't make it believable. Not her fault, really: Duse would break her teeth on this one.

**THE UNEXPECTED.** A series of whodunits and suspense stuff on film, sponsored by Whelan's. Quality is as low as their wage scale.

**MANY OF** the big shows are at the point where, because of

the astonishing number of commercials, they're nearing whatever effectiveness their performers may contribute. Unfortunately even a show like the Sid Caesar-Imogene Coca program is being mishandled this way. If there weren't over thirty commercials in their last 90-minute shindig then it certainly seemed that many. It's irritating and disgusting.

On many of the other programs there's another foul procedure: forcing the entertainers to step out of their roles (or sometimes staying within them) to sipper over or enact enjoying the products of their sponsors. A degrading business.

**THIS** is to acknowledge the letters from J. R. and E. S. criticizing the column on Godfrey as too soft and ignoring the big business interests his program represents. It is still too early in the game for me to be able to judge accurately how best and in what tone to conduct this column. Still experimenting; but anxious to hear opinions and suggestions from our readers. You're the sponsor.

CLIPPING FROM

**THE WORKER**

DATED 10/25/53

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Director, FBI (100-40033)

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BARNARD RUBIN  
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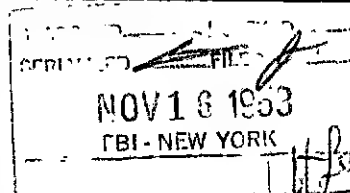
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WEB:MXW

*11/14/53*



SAC, NY

11/21/53

THORNTON M. WOOD, SA (100-99339)

NEW PLAYWRIGHTS, INC.  
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[redacted] was interviewed on 11/13/53 concerning the status of the captioned organization. The informant stated that he had no information which would indicate the organization was either in existence or defunct, although he had recently met BERNARD RUBIN, Director of the New Playwrights, Inc., and RUBIN advised him that he was now in the book publishing business.

The informant stated that he only had a few conversations with RUBIN and RUBIN never mentioned to him the name or location of the publishing business in which he is reportedly engaged.

The informant stated he had no opportunity to question him concerning New Playwrights but if, in the future, he again meets RUBIN he will so inquire.

- (1 - 100-48274 (BERNARD RUBIN)  
1 - [redacted]  
1 - 100-88279) (CP, USA, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES)

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*[Handwritten signatures: R. S. Murphy, G. Ralph]*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : THORNTON M. WOOD, SA (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, wa:  
Lee Newton  
SM - C

DATE: 11/25/53

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Confidential Informant [redacted] orally advised the writer on 11/13/53 that RUBIN has again been contributing material to "The Worker", the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker". Informant stated RUBIN has contributed a series of columns on television, writing under a pen name which informant could not recall other than LEE [redacted]. [redacted] stated that RUBIN's alias could be ascertained from the column he prepared on ORSON WELLS' production of "King Lear" which appeared in "The Worker" 11/1/53.

A review of "The Worker" of 11/1/53, Page 8, Columns 1-2, reflected the television criticism of a production of "King Lear" had been prepared by one LEE NEWTON.

The above is submitted for the information of the file.

- 1 - [redacted]  
1 - 97-169 (Publishers New Press)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

290 Broadway  
New York 7, New York

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

December 3, 1953

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent  
New York Telephone Company  
140 West Street  
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you may make available all background information which your files might contain concerning

LO 5-0956

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*L. V. Boardman*

LELAND V. BOARDMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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100-48274

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SAC, Boston

12/14/53

SAC, New York (100-48274)

BERNARD RUBIN, was:  
Ben, Barney, Lee Newton  
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The "Daily Worker", 7/19/50, page 11, column 1,2 and 3, announced the formation of a new theater group called New Playwrights Inc. of which the subject was the director. The subject is currently in the Security Index of the New York Office.

According to the "Daily Worker", New Playwrights Inc. is "dedicated to a plan of continuous production; the group is out to build up a theater culture that will express the aspirations of the people and fight the decadent culture of imperialism."

According to the "Daily Worker" of 8/6/50, page 6, column 1, "For those of you who may have missed the news, two weeks ago, New Playwrights is the best news the leftwing audiences and artists have heard in the last few years." The article then named the following individuals, all of whom are currently in the New York Office Security Index, as being brought to the board of New Playwrights: HOWARD FAST, HERB TANK, ALICE CHILDRESS, and FRANK SILVERA.

On 8/19/53, SA WILLIAM K. BREUEL made efforts to locate the subject and ascertain his employment. It was ascertained the subject's wife, PEARL MILLER RUBIN, still resides in Apartment 4-B, 807 Riverside Drive, NYC, however, the subject's whereabouts are unknown as of the above date. He was previously employed as Director of News Playwrights, Inc., 347 E. 72nd St., New York City.

On 10/28/53, Mr. P. J. FLAHERTY, Postmaster, Lenox Hill Station, 221 E. 70th St., advised SA WILLIAM K. BREUEL that New Playwrights Theater, Inc. moved to Box #65, Rego Park, Long Island, N.Y.

On 10/29/53, Mr. WILLIAM HABER, Post Office Inspector's Office, U. S. Post Office, 33rd and 8th Ave., New York City, advised SA WILLIAM K. BREUEL that Box 65, Rego Park, L.I., N.Y. had been rented to one MAX HURNI, 86-26 62nd Ave., Rego Park, L.I.

He further advised MAX HURNI discontinued his box rental service for Box #65 on 7/30/53 and on 7/23/53 furnished a removal notice with the following new address: Box 67, Newbury Port, Mass.

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1-NY 100-99339 (NEW PLAYWRIGHTS, INC.)

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Letter to SAC, Boston  
NY 100-48274

The New York Office indices failed to reflect any information regarding MAX HURNI.

The Boston Office is requested to ascertain the identity of one MAX HURNI inasmuch as he received mail for New Playwrights at which place the subject was last known to be employed, and may possibly know the whereabouts of the subject.

It is requested that HURNI not be personally contacted or interviewed regarding the subject at this time due to his associations with subjects on the SI of the NYO, and his possible CP activities, however, it is requested Boston attempt to further identify HURNI through confidential sources and informants. HURNI's position and connection with the CP is not known to the New York Office.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY

FROM : BERT S. TAYLOR, SA (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN  
IS-R

DATE: 1/18/54

On 12/25/53, [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised that BARNEY was in touch with HARRY FREEMAN at which time BARNEY said he and "CHARLIE" had agreed to arrange their shifts so that BARNEY would work tomorrow and Sunday mornings and CHARLIE would work those evenings. FREEMAN was agreeable to this arrangement.

1 - NY 105-6784 (CHARLES ZIMMERMAN)  
1 - NY 100-60618 (HARRY FREEMAN)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY

FROM : GENE R. RALPH, SA (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was  
SM-C

DATE: 1/20/54

Period: 12/14, 21/53;  
1/18/54

[REDACTED] (to be treated as a confidential source) 807 Riverside Drive, NYC, was contacted by the writer on 12/21/53, at which time he advised that he has been in the apartment of the subject's several times during the day and has seen him sitting in the apartment at odd hours. [REDACTED] stated that on one afternoon recently he went into the subject's apartment and saw the subject sitting there. He stated he does not think the subject is working at this time, and that he is just a writer who works at odd hours and at odd intervals for various agencies.

A check of the mail boxes for apartment 2B, 807 Riverside Drive, reflected the names of MILLER and RUBIN.

A check of the new Manhattan Telephone Directory, 1953-1954 as made by the writer on 1/18/54 reflected telephone number Wadsworth 3-5408 listed for one GABRIEL MILLER, 807 Riverside Drive, NYC. It is to be noted that GABRIEL MILLER is the father of the subject's wife PEARL RUBIN, nee Miller.

A pretext telephone call at 2:30 p.m. on 1/18/54 as made by the writer to an individual who identified herself as Mrs. RUBIN at telephone number Wadsworth 3-5408 revealed that the subject was sleeping, that his hours are irregular and peculiar, that the subject came home at 11:00 p.m. on 1/17/54, and would not awaken until about 5:00 p.m. on this date.

In view of the fact that the subject is not presently employed by anyone at this time, it is recommended this case be placed in a closed status, and a new form FD-122 is being submitted.

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ALIASES Barney

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

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Close Case on this.  
1-26-54

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INTERESTED AGENCIES \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS Apt. 2-B, 807 Riverside DriveNew York, New York

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SAC, NY

1/15/54

BERT S. TAYLOR, SA (100-60618)

HARRY FREEMAN  
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On 12/12/53, [redacted] of known reliability, advised that BARNEY spoke with HARRY FREEMAN and told him that things were going very slow and FREEMAN told BARNEY if things do get heavy just take your time and do what you can. BARNEY said OK.

It is pointed out that the BARNEY referred to above is believed identical with BARNARD RUBIN, apparently a new employee of Tass. He is formerly a "Daily Worker" employee.

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[redacted] was interviewed by the writer on 1/5/54 concerning the possible affiliation of BERNARD RUBIN with Tass. The informant advised he had no knowledge of RUBIN'S connection with Tass recalling that he had last seen RUBIN during November, 1953 and at that time, RUBIN had advised him he was affiliated with a book publishing business, the identity of which he did not disclose to the informant.

The informant advised if he came into possession of any information concerning RUBIN'S affiliation with Tass, he would advise the writer.

1- [redacted]  
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Director, FBI (100-40033)

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BARNARD RUBIN, was  
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ALIASES Barnsey

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Security Index Verification

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Assign. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Barrett C. Flynn*  
APR 14 1954 5-25-54

INTERESTED AGENCIES \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS Apt. 2-B, 807 Riverside Drive

New York, New York

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-48274)

DATE: March 22, 1954

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-23265)

SUBJECT: BERNARD RUBIN, was.  
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Reurlet December 14, 1953.

Postmaster WILBERT RANDALL advised that P.O. Box 67, Newburyport, Massachusetts, is rented to MAX HURNI, who resides at 341 High Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts. According to RANDALL, HURNI has been renting this box since July of 1953. RANDALL advised that he has not observed any correspondence to HURNI from the New Playwrights, Inc. and stated that the bulk of HURNI's correspondence appears to be articles imported from Switzerland.

Miss DORIS WHITE, Manager of the Newburyport, Massachusetts Credit Bureau, advised that her records show that MAX HURNI has been a resident of Newburyport since July 1953; that he resides at 341 High Street, Newburyport; and that he operates a business which he calls Max Hurni Imports. She stated that he imports skiing outfits, sweaters, caps and umbrellas from Switzerland, and sells these articles at winter resorts in Maine and New Hampshire.

Miss WHITE advised that her records show that HURNI originally came from Switzerland approximately six years ago and possibly arrived in the United States at New York City. She also stated that records show he maintains a small checking account with the Merchants National Bank at Newburyport.

KENNETH A. REYNOLDS, Assistant Cashier, Merchants National Bank, Newburyport, Massachusetts, stated that the Subject maintains a small checking account at this bank under the name of Max Hurni Imports. He advised that as of February 11, 1954 the balance in this account was \$612.92. REYNOLDS stated that he is acquainted with HURNI and advised that he is in the business of importing skiing outfits and various other articles from Switzerland which he sells to winter resorts throughout New Hampshire and Maine.

Mr. HARLAND FOULE, 341 High Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts, stated that HURNI has occupied a room in his home since August 1953. He

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stated that he has never observed anything about him that would cause him to question his loyalty to the United States. He stated that he has been a frequent visitor in the room occupied by HURNI and has never observed any material that would cause him to believe that HURNI is at all Communistically inclined. He stated that to the best of his knowledge HURNI arrived in the United States approximately six years ago at New York City from Switzerland; that he does not believe he is a United States citizen; and that he apparently does not have any relatives in the United States. He stated that HURNI imports various articles from Switzerland which he sells in and around Newburyport and at winter resorts in Maine and New Hampshire. He stated that he has had frequent discussions with HURNI and at no time did HURNI in any way indicate that he might be Communistically inclined.

Records of the Newburyport Police Department and the Massachusetts Board of Probation, which is a central repository for all arrests in the State of Massachusetts, were searched for a record of HURNI with negative results.

Following is a description of HURNI as obtained from persons interviewed:

Age:	28-30
Height:	5'5"
Weight:	115
Hair:	Dark brown
Complexion:	Dark
Build:	Slight
Residence:	341 High St., Newburyport, Mass.

The indices of the Boston Office are negative concerning HURNI.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-48274)

DATE: May 17, 1954

FROM : Director, FBI (100-40033)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was.  
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Reurlet 5-6-54, captioned "SPIA; Espionage - R."

In the enclosures to relet, Barnard Rubin, 807 Riverside Drive, New York City, is listed as a current employee of Tass in New York. This individual apparently is identical with captioned subject, a former writer for the "Daily Worker," on whom your office maintains a Security Index card. New York letter (FD 122), dated 1-25-54, indicates that the subject is unemployed. You should submit FD 122 reflecting the current employment of Rubin.

Bureau files reflect that the report of SA Spurgeon C. Batten, dated 8-16-50, at New York, is the latest report submitted on the subject. You are instructed to reopen this matter in order to bring the subject's activities up to date. Upon completion of this investigation, a summary report should be submitted under the above caption.

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## ROUTING SLIP

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Memo To: New York Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agent BARNARD RUBIN, wa  
 Steno 34-C  
 Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief Clerk NY  
 Special Employee \_\_\_\_\_ File No. 100-48274

ACTION DESIRED

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Bring File _____	Reassign to _____
Call Me _____	Recharge serials _____
See Me _____	Search and Return _____
Correct _____	Send serials _____
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Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.

*For completion of ur file.*

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(In intra office use return this with notation as to action taken or explanation.)

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-18646)(100-23850)

DATE: 4/20/54

FROM : SA MAHLON J. PRICE

SUBJECT: ELMER KING PYLE, wa.  
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ZELMA KEIDEL PYLE, wa.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Captioned subjects were interviewed by SAs MAHLON J. PRICE and WILLIAM EDWARD DAVIS in Room 13, U.S. Post Office, Reading, Pa., on September 23, 1953. They drove to the meeting place from their farm at Route #1, Bernville, Pa. ELMER K. PYLE is presently employed as a Carpenter by the Star Construction

MJP/kms *en.*

cc:

100-4400	(SOUTHEASTERN SECTION)	100-39720	(HAROLD L. ALTHOUSE)
61-115	(MAX WEINER)	100-38993	(WILSON ALTHOUSE)
100-386	(BEN RUBIN)	100-2838	(ROBERT JAFFE)
100-818	(J. GRANVILLE EDDY)	100-2236	(SOLON C. PHILLIPS)
100-24505	(FARMERS UNION)	100-2234	(J. HAROLD PHILLIPS)
100-5253	(ALBERT GOTTFRIED)	100-22636	(ALVIN CHRISTMAN)
100-34939	(TOM FORRY)	100-28467	(VERNA PHILLIPS)
100-39021	(WILMER J. ALTHOUSE)	100-	(CLARA PHILLIPS)
100-25620	(ROGER KERCHER)	100-35047	(CHARLES M. PHILLIPS)
100-34593	(CORA KERCHER)	100-	(FLORENCE GOTTFRIED)
100-2629	(HARRY E. BROWN)	100-23736	(ARTHUR MORTON ERNST)
100-23198	(HAZEL WEYMAN)	100-	(MINNIE ERNST)
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100-23735	(ADA ERNST)	100-23844	(SIGMUND LURIO)
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100-25185	(EDNA HENNE)	100-	(JOHN HODICK)
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100-	(LILA BENTZ MISAVAGE)	100-	(FREDERICK MARTIN PYLE)
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100-19983	(ABE ROSENBERG)		

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MARY BROWN	GEORGE PHILLIPS
LILA BENTZ	JUNE MIDDLETON PYLE
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Company of New York doing construction work around Berks County. ZELMA K. PYLE is presently employed as a School Teacher by the Rehrersburg, Pa. School District. The subjects gave every appearance of being cooperative and willingly answered questions put to them, and in some instances volunteered information.

ELMER K. PYLE advised that he joined the Communist Party around 1935. He stated that he was disgusted with the economic condition of the United States at that time, and when a customer refused to pay him \$100.00 that he owed for a delivery of milk, he became so disgusted that he listened to the proposal of the Communist Party Organizer and joined the Party. He stated that the Organizer at that time was a man known to him as JOHN DEAN, whose true name he did not know. ELMER K. PYLE identified a photo of MAX WEINER as being identical with JOHN DEAN. PYLE stated that it was Party policy at that time to have a cover name and at WEINER's insistence, he adopted and used the alias JOHN GREGG. He recalled that WEINER was the Organizer for the Reading and Berks County Communist Party, and that he was succeeded by BEN RUBIN. BEN RUBIN was later arrested and tried for forging names to petitions to have the Communist Party placed on the ballot. According to ELMER K. PYLE, BEN RUBIN left the Berks County area after his trial. He recalled that "RED" EDDY was the Organizer of the Southeastern Section, and he stated that EDDY was the last Section Organizer that he knew. ELMER K. PYLE stated that he became Manager of the Farmers Union Dairy Cooperative Association around 1946, and continued in this job until 1947. ALBERT GOTTFRIED, another Communist Party member, was working for him at that time. According to PYLE, GOTTFRIED was attempting to get the Manager's job, and finally succeeded by spoiling a vat full of milk and having the blame placed on PYLE. This happened around 1947, and PYLE and his wife quit the Party in disgust. He stated that he had no faith in the ideas or phrases of the Communist Party.

ZELMA K. PYLE stated that she joined the Communist Party around 1942 or 1943. She indicated that she became interested in the Communist Party through her husband. She recalled that there was a Communist Party meeting at TOM FORRY's house the day that she joined. She also recalled that WILMER J. ALTHOUSE joined the Communist Party at the same time that she joined or a little later. ZELMA K. PYLE stated that WILMER J. ALTHOUSE was still a member of

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the Communist Party in 1947 when she and her husband resigned their membership, and as far as she knows he is still a member. She stated that by the latter statement she meant that she has never heard that WILMER J. ALTHOUSE left the Communist Party. She was of the opinion that when she and her husband left the Party, ROGER KERCHER and his wife CORA KERCHER were not members, but were known to her as friends of HARRY E. BROWN. She recalled that she held the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Berks County Communist Party for two terms, but she could not recall the length of a term. She thought that she served in that capacity for the years of 1945 and 1946. She advised that in that capacity she kept the membership lists. ZELMA PYLE also recalled that HAZEL WEYMEN was Secretary of the branch at one time and that HARRY E. BROWN often acted as meeting chairman. She stated that she was not sure that ALBERT GOTTFRIED was a CP member prior to 1944. It is to be noted that I & NS is presently investigating GOTTFRIED with a view to having him denaturalized and deported. The pertinent date in the I & NS investigation is 1944 when GOTTFRIED was naturalized. In order that GOTTFRIED might be denaturalized, it is necessary to prove that he was a member of the Party prior to 1944. She recalled that he worked for the Farmers Union Dairy Cooperative and then went to work for a farmer named MARTIN WOLFSKILL, who had a farm near Bernville. She thought that after leaving WOLFSKILL, GOTTFRIED returned to the Farmers Union Dairy Cooperative Association, and that it was then that he joined the Communist Party. She stated that she could not be sure of the year that he joined. ZELMA PYLE stated that as far as she knows CLARENCE R. ALTHOUSE, Sr., was not a member of the Communist Party at least before 1947 when she left the Party. She recalled that he did subscribe to "The Worker" and that various members tried to interest him in joining, but as far as she knew he never did join. HAROLD LERCH ALTHOUSE is the son of CLARENCE R. ALTHOUSE, Sr. and she stated that as far as she knew he was not a CP member up until the time that she resigned her membership. She stated that she never heard of WILSON ALTHOUSE.

ELMER K. PYLE recalled that he once met EARL BROWDER, although he could not recall just when. He did recall that he attended a large CP Rally in New York City prior to 1937 and that it might have been then. He stated that he believes that TOM FORRY joined the Communist Party around 1938. FORRY left the Party around 1946 when he remarried, as his wife was opposed to

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the CP. It was Mrs. PYLE's recollection that at that time TOM FORRY stopped paying CP dues, but continued to get "The Worker." It is to be noted that Investigator SAMUEL HOROWITZ, I & NS, has confidentially advised that he attempted to interview FORRY in the ALBERT GOTTFRIED matter. HOROWITZ stated that FORRY was uncooperative and would give him no information. Mr. PYLE also recalled that TOM FORRY was formerly on the Board of Directors of the Farmers Union Dairy Cooperative Association, but he did not believe that FORRY still held that position because he recalled that FORRY had some disagreement with the FUDCA, the nature of which he could not recall.

Both Mr. and Mrs. PYLE stated that they did not know ROBERT JAFFE. They did not know any of the defendants in the Smith Act trial presently in progress. They thought that there was no longer a Farmers Union in Berks County, and they blamed the Communist Party for ruining the Farmers Union. Mrs. PYLE stated that she resigned from the Party in 1947 after writing a letter setting out her reasons to some Party official. She stated that she was angry over her husband's treatment, and because Party officials would not allow her to express her ideas if they conflicted with Party policy. They both recalled that SOLON CLIFFORD PHILLIPS, J. HAROLD PHILLIPS, and ALVIN CHRISTMAN visited them after they quit the Party. They were not sure why these individuals visited them, but they felt that it was for the purpose of feeling them out to see if they were willing to come back into the Party. Mrs. PYLE recalled that after they left the Party, "RED" EDDY and HARRY E. BROWN came to their house and got all of her records. She stated that neither of them has any Party records now. Mr. and Mrs. PYLE both stated that they had no information on sabotage or espionage committed or planned by the Party or any Party members. They advised that as they knew it, the Communist Party in Berks County had no desire to overthrow the Government, but did want better wages and working conditions for farmers and workers. They stated that they no longer belong to the Farmers Union, although they were not sure just when they dropped out. They recalled that at one time the Communist Party attempted to organize the Young Communist League in Berks County, but it was not successful. They were not sure just when this took place.



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Mr. and Mrs. PYLE stated that to the best of their recollection, the following were members of the Communist Party around 1947 when they resigned their membership:

SOLON CLIFFORD PHILLIPS  
VERNA PHILLIPS  
J. HAROLD PHILLIPS  
CLARA PHILLIPS  
CHARLES M. PHILLIPS  
ALBERT GOTTFRIED  
FLORENCE GOTTFRIED  
ALVIN CHRISTMAN (They stated that CHRISTMAN's wife did not know of his belonging to the Communist Party.)  
ARTHUR MORTON ERNST  
MINNIE ERNST, aka Mamie  
ARTHUR ALFRED ERNST  
ADA ERNST  
HARRY E. BROWN  
MARY BROWN  
PAUL HENNE  
EDNA HENNE  
Reverend MAX C. PUTNEY  
MARTIN MISAVAGE  
ANNA MISAVAGE (now deceased)  
LILA BENTZ (They described her as a light skinned colored woman, who is now married to MARTIN MISAVAGE.)  
HAZEL WEYMAN (They were not sure if HERMAN WEYMAN was a member.)  
AL ROSENBERG (They stated that he paid his dues irregularly.)  
SIGMUND LURIO  
BLANCHE LURIO  
FNU HUDIK (They stated that he came from around Douglassville. This probably refers to FRANK HODICK or JOHN HODICK, Douglassville, Pa., Route #1.)

ELMER K. PYLE was reinterviewed on December 17, 1953, by the writer and SA EWELL H. REED. He stated that he was interested in Marxism before joining the Communist Party. He stated

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that around 1933 he became interested in the New America Group, which was being organized by SOLON CLIFFORD PHILLIPS. According to Mr. PYIE, this was a Marxist group which was interested in combating the then existent economic depression. He stated that it was purposely held apart from the Communist Party so that it would not become known as a Communist Party organization. He recalled that he was the first one from this group to join the Communist Party, although he remembered that SOLON CLIFFORD PHILLIPS joined the Party shortly after he did. According to Mr. PYIE, the founder of the New America Group was a Dr. WARD of Union Seminary. He recalled that the following were members of the New America Group at the same time as he.

SOLON CLIFFORD PHILLIPS  
J. HAROLD PHILLIPS  
SARAH PHILLIPS  
ARTHUR MORTON ERNST  
ARTHUR ALFRED ERNST  
LINCOLN LOOSE  
GEORGE PHILLIPS  
CHARLES M. PHILLIPS  
Reverend MAX C. PUTNEY.

He stated that all of the above group eventually joined the Communist Party except LINCOLN LOOSE and GEORGE PHILLIPS. He stated that he never knew LINCOLN LOOSE to be a member of the Communist Party. As to GEORGE PHILLIPS, he stated that he is

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ELMER K. PYIE stated that his two brothers, FREDERICK MARTIN PYIE and JUNE MIDDLETON PYIE presently live with his mother and operate a dairy farm known as the Bethfield Farm at Mohrsville, Pa., Route #1. He stated that FREDERICK MARTIN PYIE was in Wernersville State Hospital for a while, and he was also a member of the Communist Party for a while. However, he did not stay in the Party long and dropped out because of lack of interest.

He recalled that after he joined the Communist Party, the Party meetings were for a while held at the home of SOLON CLIFFORD PHILLIPS in West Leesport, Pa. He also recalled that he testified in behalf of BEN RUBIN, the Communist Party Organizer, who was tried in 1940 in State Court for forging signatures to a petition to place the Communist Party on the ballot. He stated that the Party brought pressure to bear upon him to testify. Mr. PYIE recalled that at various times he was a member of the Daily Worker Press Club, but he

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could not recall that his brother JUNE PYIE was ever a member. He advised that he recalled attending TWO meetings at the home of MARTIN MISAVAGE in Laureldale, Pa., where Russian films were shown. He stated that he could not recall proposing the name of PAUL DEGLER, Robesonia, Route #1, for membership in the Communist Party in 1943, but he did recall that PAUL DEGLER was a member of the Communist Party at about that time. According to Mr. PYIE, many meetings of the Communist Party and of the Communist Political Association were held at the home of HARRY E. BROWN when BROWN lived at 3220 Raymond Avenue, Laureldale, Pa. He recalled that around 1945, it was proposed at a CP meeting that WILMER J. ALTHOUSE should infiltrate the Democratic Party so that he could run for the State Legislature.

Mr. PYIE stated that a start was made in organizing the Farmers Union in Berks County around 1937. He stated that Communist Party members did most of the organizing, and he recalled that ALVIN CHRISTMAN was active in the Farmers Union at that time. He was questioned concerning a SAMUEL LONGENECKER because while testifying at the trial of BEN RUBIN, he stated that he had discussed BEN RUBIN with SAMUEL LONGENECKER. ELMER K. PYIE stated that SAMUEL LONGENECKER was a member of the Farmers Union, but he could not recall that he was ever a member of the Communist Party. He stated that the last he heard of LONGENECKER he had a farm at the lower end of the county around Amityville or Boyertown.

Both advised that they did not wish to furnish a signed statement nor to testify against individuals mentioned herein. They did not wish to testify because they felt that any publicity concerning their past activities would jeopardize Mrs. PYIE's job.

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THORNTON M. WOOD, SA (100-99339)

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[redacted] orally advised the writer that New Playrights, Inc. has not been active since the closing of its production "The Big Deal." Informant stated he had been advised that New Playrights, Inc. has no plans for any future productions at this time and that HERB TANK and BERNARD RUBIN are engaged in other pursuits. According to informant TANK is engaged in doing a play for some other outfit (name unknown) and RUBIN has some connection with an unknown publishing firm.

- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-43480 (HERB TANK)
- ① - NY 100-48274 (BERNARD RUBIN)
- 1 - NY 100-88297 (CP, USA, CULTURE)

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 6/18/54

FROM : ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON, SA (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN  
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On 6/11/54, [redacted] reported that he first heard of the subject when the latter was editor of the Army publication, "STARS AND STRIPES". This was during World War II, and the informant recalls that CP members at the time were amused that RUBIN, a Communist, should be editor of the US Army magazine mentioned above.

After World War II, RUBIN joined the staff of the DAILY WORKER, for which he wrote a gossip column. At the same time he wrote plays "with a Communist floor", one of which was called, "The Candy Story". He also wrote articles for CP publications, using the pen name "LEE NEWTON".

On occasion, when one of his articles deviated somewhat from the accepted CP line, such article was discussed critically by "top brass" at CP National Headquarters.

The informant is not familiar with RUBIN's current CP Activities, and is unaware of the nature of the subject's present employment.

He described RUBIN as follows:

Race	White
Age	Mid-forties
Height	5' 7"
Weight	About 160 pounds
Hair	Dark Brown
Complexion	Ruddy

1-NY 97-169 (DAILY WORKER)

1- [redacted]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : RICHARD H. BLASSER, SA (100-48274) (12-16)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN  
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DATE: 6/23/54

On 6/15/54, [redacted] orally advised SA R. H. BLASSER of the following concerning the subject:

Informant has known subject for about 18 years. He was a Section Organizer at Reading, Pa., at the time and became involved in some sort of "police pressure".

RUBIN was up for expulsion at the last the informant knew of his status in the CP. RUBIN disappeared for several years and turned up after being in the Army. Informant was under the impression that RUBIN had a job on "Stars and Stripes". It appeared RUBIN had a brand new reputation after World War II. Informant heard nothing about RUBIN during 1936-1945 but after 1945 recalled he worked on the "DW" and other Party publications.

Care must be taken to paraphrase this information if used in a report or disseminated outside the Bureau in order to protect the identity of the informant.

1- [redacted]  
1- NY 97-169 (DW) (7-2)

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SAC, New York (100-48274)

BERNARD RUBIN, was.  
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Re Bulet to NY dated 5/17/54.

Investigation of subject to bring activities up to date for submission of summary report continuing. Monitoring of Tass News Agency checking account and stationary lookout in vicinity of Tass News Agency, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, verified subject's employment with Tass News Agency as reflected on form #FD 122 submitted to the Bureau.

Extensive file review will delay summary report until 8/2/54.

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COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)  
Tass News Agency

30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York  
FROM : JOHN T. MURPHY, SA  
SUBJECT: BERNARD RUBIN  
C/O New Playwright  
347 East 72nd St., NYC

DATE: JUN 8 1954

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*100-48274 \**

On 4/17/54 an anonymous source advised that the above name, address and/or telephone number was contained in the records located on the 9th floor of 832 Broadway, New York City, occupied by New Century Publishers, "Political Affairs" and "Masses and Mainstream".

The significance of this information is not known and may cover a considerable period of time. It may not be in use or pertinent at the present time and is being set forth for information.

New Century Publishers has been identified by JOHN LAUTNER, former CP functionary, as being the pamphlet publishing house of the CP, USA. He also advised that "Political Affairs" is the theoretical organ of the CP, USA, while "Masses and Mainstream" is the cultural organ.

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30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York S.I. CARDS FILED

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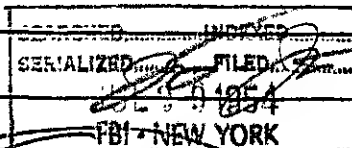
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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM

RE: *Bernard Rubin*

This Office File *100-48274*

*B. file 100-40093*

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's security index card.

Employment: *Unemployed*

Address:

Residence: *apt. 2-B.  
807 Riverside Drive*

Remarks: *NY NY  
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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, and the residence address of the subject be verified and the proper notation be made below:

\* Employment: *TASS News Agency*

Address: *30 Rockefeller Plaza NYC*

Verified By: *SA Phil Case*

Method of Verification: *Observation*

Date: *7/26/54*

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Residence: *Same*

Verified By: *Je Flynn*

Method of Verification: *807 Riverside*

Date: *6/7/54*

Security Index Verification

Assigned to: *Sanath C. Flynn*

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The security index card on this subject should be revised if any changes are noted above.

*Change in emp has been sent to Bureau, see serial 166.*

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ST. LOUIS

BERNARD RUBIN, WAS: LEE NEWTON, IS-R. SUBJECT A COMMUNIST SINCE 1937 AND FORMER FEATURE WRITER ON "STARS AND STRIPES" WHILE STATIONED IN JAPAN WITH US ARMY. RUBIN REMOVED FROM "STARS AND STRIPES" BECAUSE WRITINGS REFLECTED COMMUNIST BACKGROUND. NYO INFO REFLECTS SUBJECT INDUCTED US ARMY ON 5/10/44 AT NEW CUMBERLAND, PA., RECEPTION CENTER AND ASSIGNED SERIAL NO. 33837353. SUBJECT REPORTED SEPARATED ON 5/24/46. RUBIN BORN 4/7/15, BR OKLYN, NY. SUMMARY REPORT BEING PREPARED AT NY. ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO CHECK SUBJECT'S ARMY RECORDS AND FURNISH ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO REMOVAL FROM "STARS AND STRIPES" AND COMPLETE INFORMATION FOR DOCUMENTATION PURPOSES. SUAIRTEL IMMEDIATELY.

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THORNTON M. WOOD, SA (100-82966) (12-16)

SAUL RUBIN  
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[REDACTED] was interviewed by the writer concerning the captioned subject on 7/9/54. The Informant orally advised that he recalled that when BARNARD RUBIN was employed on the "Daily Worker" staff, SAUL RUBIN would on occasion help his brother and possibly receive pay for this assistance. The Informant continued that he has not seen SAUL RUBIN since his brother left the "Daily Worker" about four years ago but it is his understanding that SAUL RUBIN was a member of the CP.

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1 - NY 97-169 ("DAILY WORKER") (7-2)  
① - NY 100-48274 (BARNARD RUBIN) (12-15)

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TITLE <b>BARNARD RUBIN, was: Barney Rubin, Lee Newton, Ben Ruben</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>

## SUMMARY REPORT

**SYNOPSIS:** "Daily Worker" article 1947 by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN states she has been acquainted with RUBIN since 1937. During subject's trial, Berks County, Pa., 1940, he admitted CP membership and former service with Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain. Informant advised subject affiliated with VALB as of 1953. Informants state subject was CP organizer in Berks County, Pa., 1940 and Waterbury, Conn., 1943 and 1944; CP Delegate to CP Convention in Conn., 1943 and member of CP Executive Committee during that period. According to informant, subject feature writer on "Daily Worker," from 1947 through 1950 and visited Polish Information Service. According to informants, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated in 1951 that subject was a good friend of ROBERT THOMPSON, convicted CP member. "Daily Worker" writings reflect considerable space devoted to attacks on law enforcement agencies, American foreign policy and capitalist culture. Informants advised subject was sponsored by "Daily Worker" and "New Foundation" for presentation of forums and speeches in early 1950. "Daily Worker" articles reflect subject Director of New Playwrights, Inc. which operated from June, 1950 to May, 1953. Informants state productions by New Playwrights had Communist background, including subject's play, "Candy Story." According to informants, subject again writing in 1953 for the "Worker" under pen name LEE NEWTON. Large quantity of Communist literature confiscated while subject resided in Pennsylvania in 1942. Description set forth.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>amended pg 27 inserted 8/29/54 re</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>100-48274-123</b>
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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

Birth Data

The records of the Brooklyn Board of Health were checked in 1947 and reflected under Brooklyn Birth Certificate number 20552 that the subject was born on April 7, 1915, Brooklyn, New York and that his parents, JACOB RUBIN and ANNA LEVY RUBIN were both born in Russia.

Education

T-1, another government agency who maintains personnel records, advised that the subject had attended eight years of elementary school, four years of high school, two years of City College in the City of New York and one year at St. John's College, New York.

Marital Status

The records of the Bronx County Marriage License Bureau, as checked by SE GERARD M. LENAHAH in March, 1953 reflect that Marriage Certificate number 32730 was issued on September 21, 1946 to BARNARD RUBIN and PEARL MILLER. The records also reflect that PEARL MILLER was born in New York City on April 3, 1915 and that her father, GABRIEL and mother, ANNA HENLIEN MILLER were both born in Russia.

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York County, New York reflect under Birth Certificate number 43268 that PHYLLIS YOUNG RUBIN was born on [redacted] to the subject and PEARL RUBIN. [redacted] FOIA b 61

T-2, of known reliability, reported in 1941 that the subject was associated with one JEAN HILLIS, Secretary of the Workers Alliance in Reading, Pennsylvania but T-2 did not know if RUBIN and HILLIS were married at that time.

T-3 and T-4, of known reliability, advised in December, 1943 that JEAN HILLIS had secretly advised that she was married to the subject and had lived with him since 1940.



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It is to be noted that in April, 1944 T-1 advised that records reflected that the subject was not married to the JEAN HILLIS, mentioned above.

Concerning the Workers Alliance, the following is contained in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.:

- "1. Cited as subversive and Communist.  
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to Loyalty Review Board released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.)
- "2. A 'Communist penetrated organization.'  
(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7684.)
- "3. 'Among the successes in its 'front' movements, the Communists point to the 'Workers' Alliance of America.' It was created in 1936 and organized 'in practically every relief project in the country.' It was 'apparently patterned after the 'Unemployed Councils of St. Petersburg,' Russia, set up in 1906 as a part of the Communist front there. As the councils in Russia staged sit-down strikes, so also did the Alliance stage sit-down strikes in various State legislatures and relief bureaus in our country.'  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, January 3, 1939, pp.72-74; also cited in Reports, January 3, 1940, p.9; June 25, 1942, p.22; March 29, 1944, p.147.)
- "4. 'The Communist Party's organization of the unemployed.'  
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1947, p. 307.)

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- "5. 'Organized groups of relief workers and unemployed as the Workers Alliance \* \* \* are the creations of and controlled by the Communist Party.' The Communists organized the Workers Alliance among the ERA and WPA workers. (Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, pp. 78 and 310.)
- "6. Cited as 'Communist dominated.' (New York City Council Committee investigating the Municipal Civil Service Commission.)
- "7. Cited as a Communist front. (Pennsylvania Commonwealth Counsel before the reviewing board of the Philadelphia County Board of Assistance, January 1942.)

#### Military Record

T-1 advised in 1943 that the subject was known to have registered with Selective Service Local Board number 5, Berks County Court House, Reading, Pennsylvania on October 16, 1940, but had been rejected by the United States Army for physical reasons and classified 4F. T-1 advised that on April 12, 1944 RUBIN had applied for voluntary induction and requested immediate induction on May 3, 1944. After being examined in Allentown, Pennsylvania, the subject was inducted on May 10, 1944 and ordered to report to New Cumberland, Pennsylvania Reception Center. The subject was assigned Army Serial Number 33837353.

T-5, another government agency which maintains personnel records advised on March 3, 1947 that the subject was separated from the Armed Forces on May 24, 1946.

#### Employment

T-6, of known reliability, advised on May 13, 1954 that a BARNARD RUBIN has been in the employ of the Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City since March 31, 1954.

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T-7, of known reliability, advised on July 15, 1954 that the subject had been working at the Tass News Agency office and the informant was of the opinion that RUBIN worked generally on the night shift at the Tass News Agency office.

T-8, of known reliability, advised on December 12, 1953 and December 25, 1953 that HARRY FREEMAN, a Tass News Agency employee had been in contact with an individual named BARNEY, who T-8 believes was identical with the subject.

It is to be noted that the Tass News Agency is the Soviet Press Agency in the United States and as such is registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act with the United States Department of Justice.

T-9, of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish accurate information advised in September, 1950 that due to a cut-back in the employment on the editorial staff of the "Daily Worker," an East coast Communist newspaper, the subject was one of a group who were discharged from the "Daily Worker" at that time.

The "Daily Worker" reported on July 19, 1950 page 11, column 1 under the caption, "Militant New Theatre Group Launched Here" that the subject was the Director of a new organization known as New Playwrights, Incorporated.

T-10, of known reliability, advised that RUBIN had been employed as Director of the New Playwrights, Incorporated from its inception in 1950 but that since the closing of the play, "Big Deal" in May, 1953, RUBIN'S employment was not known to the informant as of November, 1953.

T-11, of known reliability, advised in June, 1947 that the subject had been employed on the staff of the "Daily Worker" since March, 1947.

T-9 previously reported that RUBIN was discharged from the staff of the "Daily Worker" in 1950.

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Mr. E. C. BRADLEY, Personnel Division, Scovill Manufacturing Company, Waterbury, Connecticut advised in December, 1943 that the subject's record reflects the following past employments for the subject:

March, 1943 to December, 1943  
Scovill Manufacturing Company,  
Waterbury, Connecticut

April, 1942 to August, 1942  
Feinstein Stationery Store,  
Roosevelt Avenue, New York City

April, 1941 to April, 1942  
Brilliant Steel Corporation  
Temple, Pennsylvania

November, 1940 to April, 1941  
Mohn Hat Factory  
Chestnut Street,  
Reading, Pennsylvania

1938 to 1940  
Reporter for American Free Press  
South Broad Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1937 to 1938  
West Bronx Peoples Book Shop  
Bronx, Avenue  
Bronx, New York

Prior to this the subject was abroad in  
France and Spain.

#### Residence

T-12, of known reliability, advised on May 21, 1952 that the subject was residing at 807 Riverside Drive, New York City.

On January 21, 1953 and June 7, 1954 T-13, of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to know a

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limited amount of the subject's activities advised that the subject was still residing in apartment 4A at 807 Riverside Drive, New York City.

T-14, of known reliability, advised on March 14, 1947 that the subject was then residing at 1132 Third Avenue, New York City.

It is to be noted that from May, 1944 until May, 1946 T-1 has advised that the subject was in the United States Army.

According to T-15, of known reliability, the subject was known to reside at 51 Thompson Street, Waterbury, Connecticut as of April 20, 1944.

Previous to this address, T-1 advised that the subject had resided at the following residences from October 16, 1940 to May 3, 1944:

- 195 Columbia Street, Waterbury, Connecticut
- 197 Willow Street, Waterbury, Connecticut
- 122 Cook Street, Waterbury, Connecticut
- 347 South Main Street, Waterbury, Connecticut
- 614 North Third Street, Reading, Pennsylvania
- 126 South Ninth Street, Reading, Pennsylvania
- 614 North Third Street, Reading, Pennsylvania

#### ACTIVITIES AND CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

In an article in the "Daily Worker" dated February 15, 1949, page 10, columns 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN writes as follows concerning the subject:

"I met Comrade RUBIN first when he came back from Spain. He was a section organizer of the Communist Party in Reading, Pennsylvania, a sturdy, chunky, little guy dressed in over-large clothes he had worn back from France. I liked his hearty laugh. He was arrested in one of the election petition drives in Pennsylvania.

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"Disposses cases were the tag-end of the depression. He became known as 'the Communist organizer who puts people's furniture back.'

"Next I heard of him in Waterbury, Connecticut, where he worked in a brass shop, and helped to organize the union and the Party.

"Came the war, and Barney was soon on the Pacific battlefield. I kept track of him through his mother. Soldier comrades began writing me of his work on the army paper. Someone brought me a whole series of columns he did in Japan, after victory, on the release of the Communists from prison (of which he brought me back a wonderful picture), on the trade unions, the gripes of the GI'S. It brought him into a head-on clash with General Mac Arthur..

"The editor, PETTUS, and RUBIN, as assistant, were both removed. They became heroes to the soldiers, who hated the American emperor as much as Hirohito."

It is to be noted that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was one of the thirteen Communist leaders convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York on January 11, 1953 for violation of the Conspiracy Statute of the Smith Act of 1940.

T-2 advised in 1941 that the subject came to Reading, Pennsylvania in 1940 and became active in Communist Party activities by circulating petitions to place Communist candidates on ballots. According to T-2, it was learned that the subject was circulating his petitions among an illiterate group of people who did not know they were signing Communist petitions and on instructions of the District Attorney of Berks County, Reading, Pennsylvania, JAMES MARKS, the subject was arrested for violation of the Election Code and Perjury. According to T-2, the subject was at that time living with JEAN HILLIS, an active worker in the Workers Alliance. T-2 stated that at the time the subject was committed to the Berks County Prison, he refused to have his fingerprints taken, alleging violation of his Civil Rights, although T-2 stated they were subsequently obtained. T-2 further advised that the subject was tried in Berks County Criminal Court, Reading, Pennsylvania in the December session of 1940 and found guilty of the two charges of Perjury and the one charge for the violation of the Election Code. T-2 stated that during the course of this

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trial, the subject admitted he was a Communist.

The records of the Berks County Court House, Reading, Pennsylvania were reviewed by SA ROBERT W. CLARK, following the December session of the above court in 1940 and they reflected that the subject had stated he came to Reading, Pennsylvania from Spain, where he had fought and been wounded with the International Brigade. According to the above records, RUBIN had stated he had been a member of the Communist Party for five or six years, an official of the Party, having been elected Executive Secretary and asserted he was a candidate for Congressman on the Communist Party ticket. RUBIN also stated that while in Spain he had been cited for bravery by the International Brigade.

The "Daily Worker" for December 3, 1940, page 5, column 5 for Reading, Pennsylvania on December 27, 1940 reflected that the subject was Executive Secretary of the Communist Party in Berks County, Pennsylvania and a Veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

T-16, of known reliability, advised on April 29, 1953 that the subject was known to still be associated with the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

T-17, of known reliability, advised on April 8, 1944 that no record of a passport issued to BARNARD or BENJAMIN RUBIN could be located.

Concerning the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, the following is contained in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.:

- "1. Cited as subversive and Communist.  
(Attorney General Tom Clark, letters to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947, and September 21, 1948.)
- "2. 'In 1937-38, the Communist Party threw itself wholeheartedly into the campaign for the support of the Spanish Loyalist

"cause, recruiting men and organizing multifarious so-called relief organizations." (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 82.)

- "3. Cited as a Communist-front organization 'serving the objectives of the Communist Parties in the United States and Spain. Earl Browder boasted that 'over 60 percent of the Lincoln Battalion members were members of the Communist Party.'" (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp. 94 and 382.)
- "4. Cited as a Communist front. (Pennsylvania Commonwealth Counsel before the reviewing board of the Philadelphia County Board of Assistance, January 1942.)"

T-18, of known reliability, advised in 1943 that a circular letter dealing with the "Rubin Brown Case" was circulated, calling for funds to meet the expenses of the defense on the above case and was signed by the Executive Secretary of the Rubin Brown Case Committee, MAX C. PUTNEY.

T-19, of known reliability, advised on July 30, 1942 that SAM DARCEY, State Secretary of the Communist Party of Pennsylvania had asserted that the Party had been hit for various defense finances and that the defense of RUBIN had cost the Party \$800 that week in July, 1942.

T-20, of known reliability, advised that on February 12, 1941 the Communist Party meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall in Reading, Pennsylvania was attended by 24 persons and the subject was chairman of the meeting.

According to T-20, the subject introduced PHIL FRANKFELD, State Secretary of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania. T-20 advised that later in the meeting the subject spoke and asserted that the FBI and the Dies Committee were planning to outlaw the Communist Party, that they daily violated the Bill of Rights and, therefore, RUBIN had urged a joint peace movement be started.



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On December 3, 1943 District Attorney JAMES C. MARKS advised that the Congressional record for the House of Representatives reflects a speech by the Honorable GUY L. MOSER of Pennsylvania on Friday, June 16, 1939, in which Representative MOSER states that on May 11, 1939 in hearings before the Sub Committee on Appropriations, he heard sworn testimony of that committee's investigator to the effect that in a meeting of the Workers Alliance in Reading, Pennsylvania on May 9, a resolution was offered, discussed, and advocated by one BEN RUBENS, whose purpose was to effect adoption of his plot to resort to physical force, if necessary, to remove and take Representative MOSER from the speaker's platform if he appeared in Reading on May 13 at the Corner-stone laying of the new post office in that city. However, this investigator reported that the Alliance members agreed only to picket the ceremonies in protest at the failure of Representative MOSER to accede to their demands. According to District Attorney MARKS, the Congressional Record reflected that Representative MOSER in the House of Representatives on Thursday, November 2, 1939 stated, "Most amazing of all was the disintegration of this traditionally patriotic background in Berks County to a degree when a deserter from the Loyalist Army in Spain could boldly enter and in his Communistic environs, rationally advocate the kidnapping of the Congressman for refusal to bow to the Workers Alliance's mandates and blackmailing threats of being held personally responsible if the Congressman did not vote for the appropriation of the taxpayers' money as these racketeers and rowdies demanded."

In April, 1941 T-21, of known reliability, reported that JEAN HILLIS, subject's wife, had written the subject's landlady in the latter part of 1940 to the effect that following RUBIN'S arrest in Reading, Pennsylvania for election frauds in connection with the circulation of petitions to have Communist candidates placed on the ballot, that RUBIN was deeply devoted to the cause of Communism and would go to any lengths to further its aims.

T-22, of unknown reliability, but who is acquainted with the subject from Berks County, Pennsylvania

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advised on September 23, 1953 that the subject had succeeded one WEINER as the organizer of the Reading and Berks County Pennsylvania Communist Party. T-22 stated that RUBIN, after having been arrested and tried for forging names to petitions to have the Communist Party members placed on ballots, left the Berks County area, after which T-22 did not have further contact with the subject.

T-23, of known reliability, advised that on November 24, 1942 ANDREW ONDA, Connecticut State Organizational Secretary of the 15th District of the Communist Party had advised that the subject was expected at the Party office on November 25, 1942.

T-24, of known reliability, advised on December 23, 1942 that the subject was present at the Communist Party office, 9 Center Street, New Haven, Connecticut and reported on the Communist Party's progress being made in Waterbury, Connecticut. T-24 stated that the subject on this occasion had been in contact with ISADORE WOFSY, State Secretary of the Communist Party in Connecticut and ANDREW ONDA, Executive Secretary of the 15th District of the Communist Party in Connecticut. According to T-24, on February 1, 1943 RUBIN was receiving \$25.00 a week to carry on the organizational work of the Communist Party in Waterbury, Connecticut, but had found this amount to be insufficient and necessary for him to obtain a job.

T-25, of known reliability, advised in September, 1943 that the subject was the Secretary of the Communist Party in Waterbury, Connecticut and while employed at the Scovill Manufacturing Company, he had attempted to disseminate Communist propaganda among the employees.

T-3 and T-4 advised in December, 1943 that RUBIN was elected as a Delegate to the Connecticut State Communist Party Convention which was to be held in Bridgeport, Connecticut on December 11 and 12, 1943. T-3 and T-4 also advised that the subject, while attending the above convention, was elected to the State Convention Resolution Committee, as well as to the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party. T-3 and T-4 stated that in January, 1944 RUBIN was elected Chairman of the Labor Committee of the Waterbury Branch of the Communist Party during a meeting held on January 5, 1944. T-3 further advised that from January, 1944 until April 14, 1944 the subject was known to attend only one meeting of the Waterbury Branch of the Communist Party and that meeting was held on April 14, 1944, when ELIZABETH GANNETT

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National Recruiting Organizer for the Communist Party spoke at the Waterbury Branch of the Communist Party. According to T-3, the subject advised ANDREW ONDA at this meeting of his intention to be immediately inducted into the United States Army and was reprimanded by ONDA for not advising anyone concerning that decision.

T-24 advised that from January, 1943 until January, 1944 the subject had attended many meetings at the Communist Party office, 9 Center Street, New Haven, Connecticut, reporting the status of Communist Party affairs in the Waterbury, Connecticut branch.

T-26, of known reliability, advised on June 15, 1954 that he had been acquainted with the subject for many years and knew RUBIN to have been a Section Organizer of the Communist Party while the subject resided at Reading, Pennsylvania. T-26 stated that he had lost contact with the subject during the early 1940s but later knew him to be working on the "Daily Worker" and other Party publications, after his discharge from the United States Army.

T-27, of known reliability, advised on June 11, 1954 that he first heard of the subject as an editor of the Army publication, "Stars and Stripes" during World War II. T-27 stated he recalled how Communist Party members were amused that RUBIN, a Communist, could be editor of a United States Army magazine. According to T-27, RUBIN wrote a gossip column while employed with the "Daily Worker" and at the same time wrote stage plays with a Communist background, one of which was called "Candy Story." T-27 stated he also knew RUBIN had written articles under the pen name of "LEE NEWTON."

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T-14 advised on March 14, 1947 that various members of the "Daily Worker" staff had sent a telegram to the Secretary of Labor SCHWELLENBACH, Washington, D. C. which stated that as members of the "Daily Worker" staff and being Communists, as well as war veterans, "we append our serial numbers and war records." According to T-14, they stated they wanted to know if their rights as American citizens would be denied. T-14 stated that in regards to the subject, the telegram reflected that the subject had been attached to the 169th Regiment Combat Team, 43rd Infantry Division, had fought in New Guinea and Luzon and had been awarded the Bronze Star.

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 8, 1947 reported that 500 Communist war veterans would meet in the Capitol on that date for their first annual Communist Veterans Encampment meeting and would be accompanied by a "Daily Worker" staff of nine veterans to cover the meeting, one of whom was the subject.

T-28, of known reliability, advised on February 14, 1947 that the subject had been present to greet the guests at a cocktail party held on February 2, 1947 at the Henry Forbes Section of the Communist Party.

T-29, of known reliability, advised on April 26, 1938 that a meeting was held on March 23, 1948 at the Hotel Astor, New York City which was attended by 1,000 writers, artists and actors, who had assembled to hear ALBERT MALTZ speak on: "The American Artist and the American Freedom Tradition." According to T-29, the subject was present at this meeting and had stated that an anti-censorship committee was formed to carry out a strong campaign on a national scale against the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Tenney Committee of California and to fight against the DEWEY plan of establishing a similar committee in New York State. RUBIN stated that ALBERT MALTZ would be the Communist Party link with the anti-censorship committee. According to T-29, ALBERT MALTZ was a Hollywood writer who had been in contempt of the House on Un-American Activities Committee.

T-11 advised on April 14, 1950 that the subject had been invited to the Polish Information Service to hear

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CZESLOWMILOWSY of the Polish Embassy in Washington, D. C. speak on the subject, "The Writer in Present Day Poland."

It is to be noted that the Polish Research and Information Service, formerly located at 350 West 57th Street, New York City was a Polish information agency which was registered with the Foreign Agents Registration Act with the Department of Justice and on August 11, 1951 the "New York Herald Tribune" in an article by JAMES E. WARNER reported that the United States Government on August 9, 1951 had ordered the closing of the local Polish Research Information office in retaliation for the closing of the United States Information Service in Warsaw.

On August 18, 1951 T-30 of unknown reliability, but who stated she was acquainted with ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, previously mentioned, advised that she had been in touch with ELIZABETH FLYNN at which time ELIZABETH FLYNN stated that four of the convicted Communists who jumped bail had hid out at BARNARD RUBIN'S place on Third Avenue. According to T-30, FLYNN had stated that the subject was a good friend of ROBERT THOMPSON and a member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

It is to be noted that ROBERT GEORGE THOMPSON was a member of the National Board of the Communist Party, USA and indicted on July 20, 1948 for violation of the Smith Act of 1940 and convicted on October 14, 1949 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York. He was sentenced on October 21, 1949 to three years imprisonment and fined \$10,000. He was released on bail November 3, 1949 and a bench warrant for his arrest was issued on July 2, 1951. THOMPSON was located at Twainharte, California on July 27, 1953, found guilty of contempt charges December 16, 1953 and sentenced an additional four years. He is presently incarcerated at the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia.

T-31, of known reliability, advised on July 22, 1948 that the subject had returned from his vacation early, after having been notified of the emergency occasioned by the arrest of 12 members of the Communist Party National Committee.

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On June 30, 1950 T-11 advised that as of that date the subject was still a member of the Communist Party.

T-32 of known reliability advised on June 23, 1953 that the subject had attended a general membership meeting of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, Incorporated held on June 17, 1953.

It is to be noted that the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, Incorporated has been cited as a Communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities Committee, Report number 1954, April 19, 1949.

"Daily Worker" Writings and Speeches by  
BARNARD RUBIN

The subject's writings in the "Daily Worker" since October 28, 1947 reveal that considerable space was devoted to attacks on law enforcement officials and agencies, American foreign policy and Capitalist culture.

The "Daily Worker" of November 27, 1947, page 16, column 4 carried a column by the subject in which he denounces the FBI. He states that the FBI, in an attempt to frame up a big spy scare, follows an anti-Semitic line in its investigations.

The "Daily Worker" of September 5, 1948, page 13, column 1 carried an article by the subject in which he denounces ARTHUR BLISS LANE, former United States Ambassador to Poland, for what the subject calls outrageous lies against the new Polish republic.

The "Daily Worker" of January 4, 1949, page 13, column 1 carries an article by the subject in which he states, "The newest and possibly vilest outbreak of anti-liberal and anti-Communist slanders will begin January 23, when the ravings of ROBERT E. STRIPLING, who has just resigned as chief investigator for the Un-American Committee, will be syndicated in many newspapers."

The "Daily Worker" of March 25, 1949, page 13, column 1 reflects an article by the subject in which he condemns capitalist culture and states "The American workers' and people's desire for peace coincides with the Soviet Union's desire for peace as opposed to Big

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Money's drive for war. So, too, does the necessity for our people to struggle against the race-baiting, war instigating and anti-working class culture that the Big Money institutions are feeding us coincide with the Soviet Union's fight against that same culture. The same profiteers who run the warrinciting politicians and brass here are also running the cultural show."

In the same article, the subject continues: "It's capitalist culture, all right, and its main body, its main drive is, therefore, directed against the interests of the workers and the people: Capitalism's culture today is one of the main and most effective weapons against the interests of working men and women."

The "Daily Worker" of September 14, 1949, page 12, column 1, carries an article by the subject in which he continues to attack what he calls "capitalist culture."

The "Daily Worker" of May 15, 1950 also carries an article by the subject in which he continues to attack "capitalist culture."

T-3 advised on September 29, 1943 that the subject had given a speech on "The Future of the Unions" at the meeting of the Waterbury Section of the Communist Party on the above date at 100 North Elm Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.

The "Daily Worker" for February 2, 1947 announces that the subject would speak on the subject "The Betrayal of Japan" at the Brighton Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Avenue on February 2, 1947.

On January 5, 1950, page 11, column 2, the "Daily Worker" announces that BARNARD RUBIN will present an original paper on "The Soviet Art Criticisms and the Fight For Man" on January 8, 1950. The same article goes on to say that "Rubin, cultural editor and drama critic of the Daily Worker is being presented in a series of Sunday lectures on the "Cultural Front."

The "Daily Worker" of January 6, 1950 reflects in an article that the above lecture to be presented by the subject would be chaired by HOWARD FAST.

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It is to be noted that T-33, of known reliability, advised on December 14, 1950 that HOWARD FAST was a member of the Cultural Division of the New York Communist Party.

The "Daily Worker" for January 22, 1950, page 9, column 5 states that RUBIN will present the second lecture, sponsored by the "Daily Worker" on the subject of "Social Realism."

T-11 advised on September 8, 1950 that a forum to be sponsored by the "New Foundations" was to feature BARNARD RUBIN discussing "Soviet Realism in the Arts."

On March 2, 1951 the "Daily Worker", page 11, column 1 reflects that the subject's play, "Candy Story," would be presented that night by the New Playwrights, Incorporated.

T-34, of known reliability, advised in March, 1951 that the subject's play "Candy Story" was a lower east side melodrama, dealing with social and labor problems and did not try to disguise the fact that it is a leftist play for leftist groups. T-34 stated that some parts of RUBIN'S play are filled with insulting remarks about the President, Wall Street and Big Business, and has Communist propaganda injected throughout.

The "Daily Worker" of July 19, 1950, page 11, column 1, under the caption, "Militant New Theatre Group Launched Here" reported that the subject, being the director of a new organization known as New Playwrights, Incorporated had stated, "Let me tell you immediately that we didn't stumble into this. Ideological discussions last year convinced us of the work to be done and the welcome it would receive." The same article continues that "The plans and program of New Playwrights make it the most important cultural development of the last few years. Dedicated to a plan of continuous production, the group is out to build up a theater culture that will express the aspirations of the people and fight the decadent culture of imperialism."

The "Daily Worker" of July 19, 1950, page 11, column 1 and the issue of August 6, 1950, section 2, page 6, column 1 reported that the New Playwrights, Incorporated grew out of the play, "Longitude 49," which was written by



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HERB TANK. The article alleged that "Longitude 49" had been rejected by every New York director and as a result, it was decided to form a special company to produce the play.

It is to be noted that T-35, of known reliability, advised on April 25, 1947 that HERB TANK was a member of the Waterfront Section of the Communist Party.

The "Daily Worker" of July 19, 1950, page 11, column 1 announced the production of the play "The Hammer," written by HOWARD FAST, who has been previously mentioned.

T-10 advised in November, 1953 that the New Playwrights, Incorporated had not been active since the closing of the play, "Big Deal" in May, 1953.

The "Daily Worker" for January 23, 1953, page 7, column 2, reports that the Jefferson School Friday evening cultural program would present a discussion on January 23, 1953 during which time BARNARD RUBIN would read excerpts and describe his play, "Candy Story."

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-10 advised in November, 1953 that the subject was again writing and contributing material to the "Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," and had written a series of articles, commenting on television. T-10 stated that the subject was writing under a pen name, which he could recall only as "LEE - -."

T-27 advised on June 11, 1954 that the subject was writing articles for Communist Party publications under the pen name of LEE NEWTON.

T-2 advised that on March 10, 1942 a large quantity of Communistic literature was confiscated by the Pennsylvania Motor Police from a former residence of the subject, 126 South Ninth Street, Reading, Pennsylvania. According to T-2, the following is a list of pamphlets and books which were confiscated and turned over to the Quartermaster of the Pennsylvania Police Troopers:

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The following is a list of the pamphlets, as given by name and authors:

"Free Earl Browder" by ROBERT MINOR  
"May Day 1941" by I. AMTER  
"Save Your Union" by LOUIS F. BUDENZ  
"An American Foreign Policy for Peace" by EARL BROWDER  
"Old Jim Crow Has Got To Go" by HENRY WINSTON  
"Earl Browder Says" by EARL BROWDER  
"What Do You Read?" by ALAN MAX  
"Turning Point For The World" by R. PALME DUTT  
"Victory Will Be Ours" by JOSEPH STALIN  
"What's What About the War" "Questions and Answers"  
by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER  
"The Constitution of the Communist Party of the  
United States of America"  
"Communism vs. Fascism" by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER  
"Communism and Culture" by EARL BROWDER  
"The Communist Party of the U.S.A. Its History,  
Role and Organization" by EARL BROWDER  
"Stalin Speaks to the World"  
"The United States and the Soviet Union"  
by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER  
"Soviet Foreign Relations" by V. M. MOLOTOV  
"Trends in the Labor Movement" by ROY HUDSON  
"Foundations of Leninism" by JOSEPH STALIN  
"The War Crisis" by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

The following is a list of single books, also by name and author:

"Imperialism" by V. I. LENIN  
"War and the People" by K. POLLARD  
"Women and Society" by V. I. LENIN  
"The Communist" July 1941 issue, by authors,  
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, JACK JOHNSTONE, HENRY WINSTON,  
ERIK BERT & FRANK MEYER and ROBERT STRONG.  
"An Outline History of the United States"  
published by Barnes & Noble, Incorporated, New  
York  
"Marx and the Trade Unions" by A. LOZOVSKY  
"Engels on Capital" by the Marxist Library

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"An Outline of Political Science" Barnes & Noble,  
Incorporated, New York  
"An American Testament" by JOSEPH FREEMAN  
"The Case of the Anti-Soviet Bloc of Rights  
and Trotskyites" from the records of the Military  
Collegium of the Supreme Court of the USSR,  
Moscow, March, 1938  
"Anti-Duehring" by FREDERICK ENGELS  
"Marx-Engels-Marxism" by V. I. LENIN  
"Fascism and Social Revolution" by R. PALME DUTT  
"The Negro and the Democratic Front" by FORD

T-11 furnished information on October 12, 1948  
which indicated that the subject was the recipient of the  
"UE News" issue.

It is to be noted that T-33 has advised in 1950  
that the "UE News", published by the United Electrical Radio  
and Machine Workers of America, is controlled almost one  
hundred percent by the Communist Party.

T-11 furnished information on April 8, 1949 which  
reflected that the subject had often received the "USSR  
Information Bulletin."

It is to be noted that the "USSR Information  
Bulletin" was published twice monthly by the Union of  
Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) Embassy, 2112 Massachusetts  
Avenue, Northwest Washington, D. C. until the State  
Department ordered cessation of the publication in July,  
1952.

#### Miscellaneous

The election records of the Borough of Manhattan  
were checked on June 10, 1954 by SA THOMAS J. MC GUIRE and  
they reflected that the subject and his wife, PEARL RUBIN,  
were residing at 807 Riverside Drive, New York City and in  
1953 they had registered a preference for the American  
Labor Party.

Concerning the American Labor Party, the following  
is contained in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive  
Organizations and Publications" dated May 14, 1951, prepared  
and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities,  
United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.:

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- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)
- "2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.'  
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pp.40 and 41.)"

T-12 advised on June 13, 1952 that the subject had been in contact with one ELIZABETH HAUPTMANN at the Berliner Ensemble, Luisenstvasse, Berlin concerning his play, "Candy Story," but T-12 could not furnish any additional information relative to ELIZABETH HAUPTMANN.

The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification and the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department were checked in June, 1954 but did not reflect any information not previously reported.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, furnished to SE RICHARD F. O'HARA by EVELYN SBARRA, did not contain any information relative to the subject.

T-36 and T-37, both of known reliability, who are acquainted with certain phases of Communist Party activities in the New York City area could furnish no information relative to the subject.

#### Description

The following description of the subject was obtained from background record checks and from T-7:

Name	BARNARD RUBIN
Aliases	BARNEY RUBIN, LEE NEWTON BEN RUBEN
Age	39
Born	April 7, 1915, Brooklyn, New York

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Residence	807 Riverside Drive, New York City, apartment 4A
Height	5'5"
Weight	186 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Black
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Employee of Tass News Agency 50 Rockefeller Plaza New York City
Marital Status	Married, wife PEARL RUBIN, nee: PEARL MILLER
Immediate Relatives	Child: PHYLLIS YOUNG RUBIN, born [REDACTED] FOIA b 6 Father, JACOB RUBIN born in Russia Mother, ANNA LEVY RUBIN born in Russia Brother, SAUL RUBIN
Arrest Record	Subject arrested at Berks County, Pennsylvania August 28, 1940 on charges of Perjury and violation of Election Code. Subject found guilty in December, 1940 session Berks County Criminal Court on above two charges. On July 2, 1941 subject sentenced to one year on one charge of Perjury but Election Code violation dis- missed. Verdict: Sustained by Superior Court of Pennsylvania and appealed to Supreme Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, where indictment was dismissed in June, 1953.

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T-1 RAY E. GODSHALL Chief Clerk, Selective Service LB No. 5, Berks County, Pa.	Background Education  Selective Service 1940 Former Residences	11/2/43   11/2/43	SA ROBERT E. REDINGTON SA ROBERT E. REDINGTON "	PH 100-386   PH 100-386  "
T-2 Private L.L. LUCAS, Penn. Motor Police report dated 9/14/40.	Association with DEAN HILLIS	11/12/41	W.R. LORRY	PH 100-386
T-3 FOIA b 7 D	Marital Background, 12/11/43 12/8/43 (elected State CP Delegate) 1/44 (Waterbury, Conn. CP Labor Chairman) 1/44-4/44 (attendance at CP meetings)	12/15/43  12/8/43  1/44		
T-4 [Redacted]	Marital Background 12/11/43 12/8/43 (Elected State CP Conn. Delegate) 1/44 - 4/44 (attendance at CP meetings)	12/15/43   12/8/43  1/44		
T-5 Miss BESSIE WILSON Chief Clerk, LB #5 Selective Service Reading, Pa.	Military Separation, 1946	3/3/47	PH Agent 1947	PH 100-386

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T-6 [REDACTED] Chase Nat. Bank 50 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC	Employment 3/31/54	5/3/54	SA MARTIN J. MC GUINN	100-60713
T-7 Stationery Look- out Plant, Vicin- ity of Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC	Employment 7/15/54	7/15/54	SA PHILLIP CEASE	100-60713 Sub A file
T-8 [REDACTED]	12/12/53	12/12/53		
T-9 [REDACTED] DW employee	"Daily Worker" employment	9/12/50	SA THORTON M. WOOD	97-169
T-10 [REDACTED]	Employment with "New Playwrights Inc.", 5/53, "The Worker" in 1953	11/13/53	"	[REDACTED]
T-11 [REDACTED]	Employment 6/47	6/2/47	SAS W.W. LYNCH, S.W. JENNINGS	100-48274- 1A3
	Visit to Polish Info Service	4/14/50	H.P. LARSON SE A.E. FALLEN	100-48274-1A12
	CP Membership 1950	6/30/50	SA H.P. LARSON J.A. LEE	100-85800 1B 7690

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T-11 (cont'd) [redacted]	Forum discussion by subject sponsored by "New Foundations" 9/10/50	9/8/50	SA H. P. LARSON SA S. W. JENNINGS	100-88005-1B18
	UE News Sub- scriber 7/28	10/12/48	SA WILLIAM S. TAVEL	100-13644
	USSR Info Bulletin 4/49	4/8/49	SA H.P. LARSON SA T. O'CONNOR	100-48274
T-12 66th CIC Detachment Region VIII	Residence 6/13/52	Photostatic copy of report dated 6/13/52 forward to NYO by routing slip (no date)		100-48274-
T-13 [redacted] Riverside Dr., NYC	Residence 1/21/53 6/7/54	same	SA'S W.K. BREUEL and JAMES C. FLYNN	100-48274
T-14 [redacted]	Former Residence 3/14/47 Telegram to Sec. of Labor, 3/14/47	3/14/47 "	SA CHARLES F. HEINER "	" 100-97169
T-15 William J. Phelan U.S. Post Office Waterbury, Conn.	Former Residence 4/1944	4/24/44	NH agent	NH 100-6545
T-16 JOSEPH WALTERS Correspondence Clerk, General Post Office, NYC	VALB Activity, Mailing list 4/1953	4/29/53	SA JOSEPH F. DIFFLEY SA ALAN W. MURDOCK	100-2545- 2346A



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T-17 Confidential U.S. Dept. of Nat. Defense State [redacted]	Passport check 4/19/44	4/20/44	SA J. PHILLIP O'BRIEN	WFO 100-15853
T-18 [redacted]	CP defense of RUBIN's 1940 trial	7/30/42		
T-20 SAS FRANCIS E. WRIGHT and HARPER (FNU)	CP meeting attendance in 2/21/41, Reading, Pa.	2/12/41	Same	PH 100-386
T-21 Associate of Federal Works subject, Agency, Report dated 4/20/41	JUAN HILLIS	7/20/41	Not recorded	NH 100-6545
T-22 ELMER KING PYLE, Former CP member in Berks County, Pa.	Activity in Berks County CP 1940	9/13/53	SAS MAHLON J. PRICE WILLIAM EDWARD DAVIS	PH 100-18646
T-23 SA GLENN J. MC DONOUGH	CP meeting Waterbury, Conn. 11/25/42	11/29/42		NH 100-6545
T-24 [redacted]	Attendance at CP meeting Waterbury, Conn. December 1942	12/23/42	SA LOREN P. SWAYNE	NH 100-6545
	Subject's compensation by Waterbury CP	1/24/43		

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T-24 (cont'd) [REDACTED]	Subject's attendance at CP meetings from 1/1943 to 1/1944	1/43- 1/44		
T-25 ONI, N.H. area	CP activity at Scovill Mfg. Co., Waterbury Conn.	9/23/43	N.H. office	NH 100-6545
T-26 [REDACTED]	General CP activity since 1940	6/15/54	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	[REDACTED]
	CP activity and writings under pen name "LEE NEWTON"	6/11/54	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	
	Attendance at HENRY FORBES CP party, 2/2/47	2/14/47	SA HERBERT P. LARSON	100-48274
	Subject's attendance at meeting 3/23/48 to form anti-censorship committee	4/26/48	SA CHARLES F. HEINER	100-88297
T-30 JOSEPHINE TRUSLOV ADAMS Suffern, N.Y.	Subject's connection with convicted CP members	8/18/51	SA WESLEY T. WHALEY	100-105699
T-31 [REDACTED]	Activity 7/1948	7/22/48	SA ARTHUR E. DOOLEY	100-48274
	Subject's attendance at Nat. Council Arts, Sciences, Profession, 6/17/53	6/23/53	SA WILLIAM R. SCHLARMAN	[REDACTED]

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Documentation of HOWARD FAST

Subject's play, "Candy Story"	3/11/51	SA FRANK R. LONGO	105-914-865
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Documentation of HERB TANK

Negative	6/8/54	SA ARTHUR P. HEALY	100-48274
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New York will submit amended pages upon receipt of information from New Haven and Philadelphia offices for complete documentation of T-18, T-19 and T-21, used in report. St. Louis has also been requested to furnish information from a review of subject's army record.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York, 5/17/54.

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Director, FBI (100-40033)

8/17/54

SAC, New York (100-48274)

BARNARD RUBIN, was  
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Re summary report of SA ROBERT E. MC KELVIE at New York, dated 8/17/54, captioned as above and 5 copies of which are enclosed.

T-7, in above rerep, has advised that RUBIN is employed at Tass News Agency and most generally arrives at Tass at approximately 7:00 p.m., but T-7, could not furnish any information concerning the exact nature of the subject's work.

It is to be noted that relative to the column written by the subject, while he was employed by the "Daily Worker", which was entitled "Broadway Beat", RUBIN had made the following remarks in the issue for 1/13/47. Quoting RUBIN, "Is the reason behind WALTER WINCHELL'S propaganda campaign to run FBI Chief J. EDGAR HOOVER for President the fact that HOOVER has a secret dossier on WINCHELL a mile long--including some particularly nasty items?". He continues by saying "This incidentally, is a common practice of the FBI Chief." The remainder of this column follows the above type writing.

In the "Daily Worker" for 4/7/47, in the same above column writes, "J. EDGAR HOOVER is pulling all of his FBI boys out of anti-semitic and fascist organizations." On 11/27/47, RUBIN begins his column with, "Most of the newspaper stories dealing with the FBI'S attempts to frame up a big spy scare have neglected to mention one feature of the activities of the boys under the publicity-mad J. EDGAR HOOVER-- the anti-semitic line all of them follow in their 'investigations' as if they were briefed from above."

As pointed out in above report, RUBIN wrote many articles dealing with the theatre and culture, and making statements against "capitalism" and "big business".

In view of the fact that the subject's employment has been determined and his activities brought up to date, this case is being closed.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 8/18/54

FROM : RAYMOND E. BOYLE, SA (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN  
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[redacted] of known reliability, advised on 7/1/54 that RUBIN made a call from the Tass office to HARRY FREEMAN to advise him that he had received FREEMAN's note, and had checked his work schedule. RUBIN was advised by FREEMAN that he would be off on July 6 and 7 of the following week.

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SAC, New York (100-48274)

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A summary report on above captioned subject has been prepared by the NYO, which incorporated information from the report of SA WILLIAM J. MEYERS, dated 2/1/44, New Haven, and captioned as above. This New Haven report sets out information on page 3, obtained from T-1 (identified as Federal Works Agency report dated 4/20/41), concerning a statement made by one GENE HILLIS to the subject's landlord concerning RUBIN's attitude toward Communism.

NH is requested to furnish NY complete information for documentation purposes so that NY may submit supplemental administrative pages to Bureau in the above mentioned summary report.

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SAC, Philadelphia (100-386)

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SAC, New York (100-48274)

BARNARD RUBIN, Was  
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A summary report on above captioned subject has been prepared by the NYO, which incorporated information furnished by Philadelphia informants [redacted] as reflected in report of SA RICHARD W. WRIGHT, 9/24/43, Philadelphia and appearing on pages two and three respectively.

Philadelphia is requested to furnish NY with complete information for documentation purposes in order that NY may submit amended administrative pages to Bureau in above summary report.

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BERNARD RUBIN, WAS. LEE NEWTON, IS - R. RE NY AIRTEL 8-9-54. A REVIEW OF THE ARMY SERVICE RECORD ON FILE AT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, MILITARY PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER, WORLD WAR II UNIT, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, FOR BEN RUBIN, ASN 33 837 353, INDICATES THAT HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE U. S. ARMY ON 5-10-44 and ENTERED ON ACTIVE DUTY ON THE SAME DATE AT ALLENTOWN, PA. HE WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED ON 5-24-46 AS A T/5 FROM FT. DIX, N. J. BY REASON OF DEMOBILIZATION. SUBJECT'S NAME WAS CHANGED IN THESE RECORDS ON 7-3-44 TO HIS CORRECT NAME BARNARD RUBIN. HE SERVED 1 YEAR, 5 MONTHS, AND 5 DAYS IN FOREIGN SERVICE IN THE WEST PACIFIC THEATER AND PARTICIPATED IN THE BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS OF LUZON AND NEW GUINEA. HE WAS AWARDED THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, THE WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL, THE ASIATIC PACIFIC THEATER MEDAL, THE PHILIPPINE LIBERATION RIBBON WITH ONE BRONZE STAR, AND THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION MEDAL, JAPAN. HIS CHARACTER AND EFFICIENCY RATINGS RANGED FROM UNKNOWN TO EXCELLENT. THERE IS NO RECORD OF COURTS-MARTIAL OR ABSENCES WITHOUT LEAVE. THESE RECORDS FURTHER INDICATE THAT THE SUBJECT WAS EMPLOYED FROM 1939 TO JANUARY, 1942 AS SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN READING AND BERKS COUNTY, 11 NORTH 8TH ST., READING, PA. AS SECRETARY HE PREPARED AND DELIVERED TALKS WEEKLY TO CLOSED AND INVITATION MEETINGS; ALSO PUBLIC MEETINGS.

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SQUARE SOUTH, NEW YORK, N. Y. (1944). LOCAL DRAFT BOARD #5, READING, PA.;  
ORDER #V-2308; SS # 196-12-5859; VET. ADM. CLAIM # 12 464 535. RUC.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 8/18/54

FROM : RAYMOND E. BOYLE, SA (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN  
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[redacted] of known reliability, advised that on 7/11/54 RUBIN contacted PEGGY ROSS at telephone number Hampton Bays 2-0349, and spoke to her. He then spoke to DAVID and MARGIE, who are possibly DAVID and MARGIE FISHER, the children of HARRY and RUTH FISHER, who were staying with PEGGY ROSS.

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 8/19/54

FROM : RAYMOND E. BOYLE, SA. (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN

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[redacted] of known reliability, advised on 8/10/54 that an unidentified woman contacted a man at the TASS Office, possibly RUBIN, and advised him that a certain event was to take place this coming Sunday, 8/15/54 and that it was to start at 8 PM on Saturday, 8/14/54. The unidentified woman gave him directions to take a Greyhound Bus at West 50th Street and get a ticket to Lenheartsville (phonetic). However, he was instructed to get off at Clinesville (phonetic) where he could call and they would send for him. The unidentified woman gave a telephone number as KEMPTON 4338.

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TO : SAC, New York (100-48274)

DATE: August 30, 1954

FROM : Director, FBI (100-40033)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Rerep SA Robert E. McKelvie dated 8-17-54  
at New York, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for  
WFO.

As noted in rerep, captioned subject has been  
employed at the New York office of Tass since 3-31-54.  
WFO should check the records of the Foreign Agents  
Registration Section of the Department to determine  
whether Rubin is registered as an agent of the Soviet  
Government and whether he is listed in the registration  
statements or supplements thereto filed by Tass. All  
pertinent details from these records should be incor-  
porated into a report on the subject. New York should  
maintain this investigation in a pending status until  
the results of the WFO check of the Foreign Agents  
Registration Section records have been reviewed for  
the purpose of determining whether there is any  
question of a violation of the Foreign Agents  
Registration Act.

cc - 2 - Washington Field (Attachment)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-48274)

DATE: 9/3/54

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-386)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was.  
IS - R

Re New York letter dated 8/25/54. FOIA b 7 D

[redacted] was a tesur and [redacted] was an anonymous source. As such,  
they need no further characterization. RUC.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-48274)

DATE: September 13, 1954

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-6545)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Re: New York letter to New Haven dated 8/25/54.

Referenced letter requests New Haven to furnish documentation of information attributed to T-1 on Page 3, in New Haven report of SA WILLIAM J. MEYERS, dated 2/1/44, captioned as above:

Documentary information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	Location
T-1 Federal Works Agency Division of Investigation, report dated 4-20-41	April 20, 1941 Information concerning subject's attitude toward Communism	4-20-41	Not recorded	100-6545- 36

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Director, FBI (100-40033)

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SAC, New York (100-48274)

BARNARD RUBIN, was  
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Re Summary Report of SA ROBERT E. McKELVIE dated  
8/17/54, at NY, captioned as above.

Enclosed are four copies of amended page <sup>27</sup>~~24~~ of  
above referenced Summary Report which reflects the correct  
documentation of T-18, T-19 and T-21, of above referenced  
Summary Report.

WFO is being furnished one amended page <sup>27</sup>~~24~~ since  
the Bureau has furnished a copy of above report to WFO. *duped &c  
9/29/54*

NYO is in possession of information received  
from St. Louis as a result of a review of the subject's  
Army record. In view of the fact that NYO has been requested  
to maintain this investigation in a pending status until  
the results of WFO check of the Foreign Agents Registration  
Section has been completed, the subject's Army service  
record information will be submitted in the next NYO  
report.

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1-Washington Field (Encl. 1) (RM)

REM:DAH  
*[Signature]*

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Chief Clerk  
Post *[Signature]*  
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*[Signature]*

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SAC, New York

9/28/54

RAYMOND E. BOYLE, SA (100-81891)

HARRY FISHER  
IS - R

FOIA(b)(7) - D [redacted] of known reliability, advised on 9/6/54 that HARRY FISHER in a conversation with his wife stated that CHARLES ZIMMERMAN would not be at work that date because of a bad cold.

He stated that SASHA LURIE was the Editor on duty that date and PAUL BURNS was scheduled to be the night editor.

The informant advised that in a later conversation with BERNARD RUBIN, FISHER was advised that RUBIN would report to work at approximately 6:15 p.m. that evening.

- 1 - NY 105-6784 (ZIMMERMAN)
- ① - NY 100-48274 (RUBIN)
- 1 - NY 100-24681 (LURIE)
- 1 - NY 100-15157 (BURNS)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: August 20, 1954

FROM : Director, FBI (100-123386)

SUBJECT: TASS NEWS AGENCY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

The Bureau has reviewed information in the files of the seventeen American employees of the New York office of Tass for the purpose of determining whether any of these individuals should be considered for approach and attempted development as informants. It is noted, of these seventeen, no attempt has ever been made to approach the following:

Alison Burroughs  
Harry Fisher  
Ruth Fisher  
Charles Zimmerman  
Jessie Harris  
Rudolf Israel

Bernard Rubin  
Hays Jones  
Sasha Small Lurie  
Jerome Klein  
Esther Shields  
Harry Freeman  
Emilio Delgado-Rodriguez

Because of the need for a live source at Tass, it is believed that each of the above individuals, except Harry Freeman, should be considered for attempted development as informants. You are instructed to review your files on each of these twelve individuals, conduct additional investigation where necessary, and thereafter submit separate letters on each subject containing your recommendation relative to an interview. These letters should be submitted under the individual caption. In those cases where an interview is recommended, your letter should also bear the Security Informant Program caution, unless there is some reason for not handling the interview under the Security Informant Program. Single copies of all letters submitted in this matter should be designated for the Bureau and New York files on Tass and each letter should make reference to instant letter.

In reviewing the files and submitting letters on these twelve employees, you should carefully consider all information bearing upon each subject's suitability for attempted development as an informant. This would include

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such information as position with Tass, financial condition and salary received from Tass, indication of dissatisfaction with employment at Tass, and current information concerning the extent of their adherence to the Communist Party and its aims and the extent of their association with other Communists. Where deemed appropriate, additional inquiries should be conducted to obtain this type of information. The Bureau is aware of the fact that on the basis of available information, some of these twelve subjects apparently are not suitable for attempted development for various reasons. However, it is desired that each of the twelve individuals be carefully considered and your analyses and recommendations submitted in accordance with the above instructions.

It is recognized that a hasty, or "rush," program involving interviews with a number of these twelve subjects during a relatively short period of time would quickly become noticeable to the personnel at Tass, with the result that your attempts to develop a source would become more difficult. Accordingly, your plans should include spacing the proposed interviews intelligently in order to lessen the probability of Tass employees becoming aware of a concerted effort on the part of your office. This does not mean, however, that this program should be permitted to lag. The reviews of the information in your files and the necessary additional investigations relative to the various subjects should begin immediately and proceed without delay. This matter will be followed closely by the Bureau and should receive continuous attention and close supervision by your office. |||

TO : Director, FBI (100-153316)  
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-60713)  
 SUBJECT: TASS NEWS AGENCY  
 IS-R

DATE: 10/20/54

Rebulet, 3/20/54, captioned "TASS NEWS AGENCY, IS-R" instructing the NYO to review the case files regarding the following listed American employees of the NYO of TASS NEWS AGENCY and make recommendations relative to an interview with consideration for attempted development as an informant:

ALISON ARROWHIS  
 HARRY FISHER  
 RUTH FISHER  
 CHARLES ZIMMERMAN  
 JESSIE WATKINS  
 RUDOLF ISRAEL

BERNARD RUBIN  
 HAYE JONES  
 SARAH SPALL LURIE  
 JEROME KLEIN  
 ESTHER SHIELDS  
 EMILIO DELMADO-RODRIGUEZ

A review of the files concerning the American employees of TASS NEWS AGENCY mentioned in referenced letter has revealed that in no instance does the file reflect any evidence of dissatisfaction with their employment at TASS or that they are not still in sympathy with Communism or have evidenced any dislike for the Soviet Union. However, it is felt that additional current investigation should be conducted in each of these cases in order to bring information to an up-to-date status to determine what the subject's attitude may be in respect to the above. In addition, the investigation will also include the determining of the additional items concerning each employee as requested in referenced letter. NYO, therefore, recommends reopening for current investigation all of the cases on the above mentioned individuals which are not in a pending status. When sufficient investigation has been conducted to determine these factors, each case could then be reclassified and recommendations for approach for interview could then be submitted to the Bureau in each individual case.

1-NY 100-21642 (FISHER)  
 1-NY 100-6215 (ALISON ARROWHIS)  
 1-NY 100-1191 (HARRY FISHER)  
 1-NY 100-60448 (RUTH FISHER)  
 1-NY 100-10214 (CHARLES ZIMMERMAN)  
 1-NY 105-3734 (JESSIE WATKINS)  
 1-NY 105-3324 (JESSIE WATKINS)  
 1-NY 105-3305 (RUDOLF ISRAEL)  
 1-NY 100-11332 (HAYE JONES)  
 1-NY 100-24681 (SARAH SPALL LURIE)  
 1-NY 100-79732 (JEROME KLEIN)  
 1-NY 100-2073 (ESTHER SHIELDS)  
 1-NY 100-50510 (EMILIO DELMADO-RODRIGUEZ)

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Letter to Director  
NY 100-60713

Separate and apart from above the NYO is of the opinion that due to the background of the American employees at TASS continuing investigations should be conducted concerning all of the American employees at TASS. These individuals are in daily contact with their Soviet fellow workers and are obviously trusted by the Soviets.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/29/54</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/29; 10/12, 19/54</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>PATRICK M. RICE</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>RMR</b></span>
TITLE <b>BARNARD RUBIN, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Records of Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, reflect BARNARD RUBIN, 807 Riverside Drive, NYC, is listed as a Teletypist for Tass at New York in the Supplemental Registration Statement filed by Tass April 30, 1954, for a six months' period ending March 31, 1954. No other record of BARNARD RUBIN in Foreign Agents Registration Section files.

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**DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

Mrs. U. ELDRED checked the files of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, for the names BARNARD RUBIN, was. BARNEY RUBIN, LEE NEWTON, and BEN RUBIN. The only record found was in a Supplemental Registration Statement, Registration #464, filed by the New York Bureau of the Telegraph Agency of the USSR (Tass), which covered the sub-bureau of this organization in Washington, D. C., as well as their New York office at 50 Rockefeller Plaza. This statement was filed on April 30, 1954, for the six months' period ending March 31, 1954, and listed BARNARD RUBIN, 807 Riverside Drive, New York City, as a Teletypist in the New York Division of Tass. The date of his employment and other details were not set forth.

It is noted RUBIN's name appeared along with several other names in this statement, and IVAN I. BEGLOV, who filed the statement

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for Tass, stated that they were not filing exhibit A forms for RUBIN and several others because they were clerical and non-discretionary employees who were not engaged in writing, speaking, organizational, or other public or political activities on behalf of Tass. Mrs. ELDRED advised that the Foreign Agents Registration Section contained no other record on RUBIN.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated August 30, 1954, requesting  
WFO to review records of Foreign Agents Registration  
Section.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-60713)

DATE: November 1, 1954

FROM : Director, FBI (100-183386)

SUBJECT: TASS NEWS AGENCY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Photostat 12 copies

ReBulet 8-20-54, and vrllet 10-20-54.

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following files

100-80215  
100-81891  
100-59425  
100-48274  
105-6784  
105-3324  
105-3325  
100-10089  
100-24681  
100-79788  
100-87073  
100-58546

The Bureau agrees with your suggestion that cases be reopened on the twelve Tass employees mentioned in relets, and that additional investigation be conducted in each case for the purpose of developing sufficient information on which recommendations relative to interviews can be based. In date, the Bureau has received no letters reflecting your recommendations relative to interviews with any of the twelve subjects. You are instructed to submit periodic letters under the Tass caption informing the Bureau of the progress of your efforts to develop a source among Tass American employees. Each letter should enumerate those Tass employees on who investigation is pending, and should indicate for each employee the approximate date by which the Bureau can expect a letter under the individual caption containing your recommendation relative to an interview. The first letter submitted by you under the Tass caption in accordance with the above instructions should reach the Bureau no later than 11-15-54. Thereafter, submit similar letters every 15 days until otherwise instructed by the Bureau.

The Bureau does not agree with your suggestion on page two of relet dated 10-20-54 to the effect that investigation of each American employee of Tass should remain in a pending status at all times.

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TASS NEWS AGENCY

INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Rebuletts 8/20/54 and 11/1/54, and NYlet 10/20/54.

Bulet 11/1/54 instructs New York to submit every 30 days, beginning 11/15/54, in letter form under Tass caption, the following data relative to the 12 Tass employees named in Bulet 8/20/54: (1) Name of employee on whom investigation is pending; (2) The approximate date, in each case, by which the Bureau can expect a letter, under individual case caption, containing recommendations relative to interview of subject.

Pursuant thereto, the following data are submitted:

OK to Photostat (2 copies)

One copy Each for following NY files

Cases in Pending Status

File Numbers  
New York Bureau

Date by which  
Bureau can Expect  
Letter re Inter-  
view of Subject

JESSIE HARRIS	105-3324	105-17204	11/29/54
CHARLES ZILBERMAN	105-6784	100-409196	12/6/54
BERNARD RUBIN	100-43274	100-40033	12/13/54
HARRY FISHER	100-81891	100-351233	12/20/54
ESTHER SHIELDS	100-82073	100-350323	12/27/54
EMILIO DELGADO-RODRIGUEZ	100-58546	100-290205	12/27/54
ALISON BURROUGHS	100-80215	100-344951	12/27/54
JEROME KLEIN	100-79788	100-366615	12/27/54
HAYS JONES	100-10089	100-188597	12/27/54
RUTH FISHER	100-59425	100-264303	12/27/54
SASHA SMALL LURIE	100-24681	100-105052	12/27/54
RUDOLF ISRAEL	105-3325	105-17554	12/27/54

As investigation to obtain the information desired in these cases has not been completed as yet, the earliest date by which a letter may be expected in any of the cases has been set as November 29th, as is indicated for the JESSIE HARRIS case.

JMS:kdd

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : RAYMOND E. BOYLE, SA (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN  
IS - R

DATE: 12/3/54

Chase National Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, whose identity should be kept confidential, furnished the following information regarding checks issued to the subject from the checking account of the Tass News Agency during the period June 1953 to Oct. 1954:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10/30/53	\$ 60.00
11/10/53	130.00
11/25/53	130.00
12/10/53	136.60
12/24/53	130.00
12/31/53	34.70
1/8/54	140.00
1/25/54	140.00
2/10/54	151.70
2/25/54	137.24
3/10/54	151.05
3/25/54	137.24
3/31/54	34.51
4/9/54	151.70
4/23/54	137.24
5/10/54	153.00
5/25/54	137.24

1 - NY 100-60713 (Tass News Agency)

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6/10/54	\$153.00
6/25/54	137.24
6/30/54	35.11
7/9/54	151.05
7/23/54	137.24
8/25/54	137.24
9/3/54	152.35
9/10/54	10.00
9/24/54	147.24
9/30/54	35.85
10/7/54	163.11
10/21/54	147.24

The informant advised that subject's check dated 12/24/53 contained the endorsement ANNA MILLER. The informant advised that subject's checks dated 3/31/54, 6/25/54 and 9/30/54 contained the endorsement of PEARL RUBIN and the notation Harlem Savings Bank, 157th Street Branch, Account #140000. The informant advised that subject's checks dated 4/9/54, 9/3/54, 9/24/54 and 10/7/54 contain the endorsement of PEARL RUBIN and the notation Harlem Savings Bank, 157th Street Branch, Account #139998. Informant further advised that subject's check dated 9/10/54 contained the notation to the effect that the subject's salary was increased to \$305.00 per month. The informant could furnish no additional information regarding checks issued to the subject.

MEMO  
NY 100-48274

12/3/54

This information was furnished to SA LOUIS M. LUEDERS on 8/3, 9/1, 10/1, 11/2 and 12/1/53, 1/4, 2/1, 3/1 and 4/1/54; to SA MARTIN J. MC GUINN on 5/3, 6/1, 7/2, 8/2, 9/2 and 10/1/54; and to SA ARNOLD E. BRANDT on 11/1/54.

Information regarding the Tass News Agency bank account is maintained in NY file 100-60713-1B82.



File 100 - 48274 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Serial No. Description of Serial Date Charged

193 *NY let to Bu 12/10/54*  
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*let 3/6/64*  
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Employee \_\_\_\_\_

RECHARGE

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

Date charged \_\_\_\_\_

Employee \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (105-3048)

DATE: 12-10-54

FROM : John S. McCool, SA

SUBJECT: JIRI NOSEK  
I S - R & CZ

FOIA b 7 D

[redacted] reported that on 12-7-54 BARNARD RUBIN conferred with JIRI NOSEK, head of the Czechoslovak U.N. Delegation, pointing out that he wished to confer with Mrs. (MARIE) NOSEK; that he had had a very nice talk at the Czech party the previous week; and that he desired an appointment with her. NOSEK promised to advise his wife of RUBIN's desires and pointed out that the best time to reach her at the Delegation is in the morning.

The informant believed that the Czech party to which RUBIN referred was a reception given by the Czechoslovak U.N. Delegation, 6 E. 67th St., on the evening of 12-3-54.

cc - 100-48274 (B. Rubin)✓

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-48274)

FROM : RAYMOND E. BOYLE, SA

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN  
IS - R

DATE: 12/31/54

FOIA b 7 (D)

[redacted] of known reliability, made available to SAS RAYMOND E. BOYLE and JAMES M. SMITH of the NYO on 12/16/54 information concerning the above captioned subject which was obtained from the office of Tass News Agency.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of information will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information, it will be impossible to recontact the source regarding the information furnished.

The informant furnished a blank petty cash voucher used by the Tass News Agency with a note on the back addressed to "Dear Alison," who is probably ALISON BURROUGHS. The message relates to receipts for rides made at 3a.m. on August 2, 1954, and two on August 1, 1954. The message is signed "Barney." It is believed that "BARNEY" refers to the subject and the original of this information is being maintained as an exhibit in the subject's case file inasmuch as it is a sample of the subject's handwriting.

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Assigned to: N. L. PurseDate: 2-1-55REB:JMG  
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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: *Bernard Rubin, was*

Office File *100-48274*

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: *Apt. 2-B, 807 Riverside nbr. nyc.*

Employment: *Press News Agency*

Address: *30 Rockefeller Plaza, nyc.*

Key Facility (Yes ☐) (No ☒) Detcom (Yes ☒) (No ☐) Comsab (Yes ☒) (No ☐)  
Security Flash (Yes ☐) (No ☒) Photo (Yes ☒) (No ☐)

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

**SI UNIT**  
**DATE** *2-9-55*

Employment: *Same*  
Address: *Same*  
Key Facility: (Yes ☐) (No ☒) Geographical Reference Number:  
Tab Detcom and Comsab: (Yes ☒) (No ☐)  
Method of Verification: *Pretrial call to employment.*

Employment Source: *as above*  
Date: *2/1/55*  
Verified by: *SA DL Bureau*

Residence: *Same*  
Method of Verification: FOIA b (7) (D)

Neighborhood Source: *as above*  
Date: *2-7-55*  
Verified By: *SA DL Bureau*

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: (Yes ☐) (No ☒)

Security Index Verification  
Assigned to: *W. R. Purser*  
Date: *2-1-55*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT . OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: SAC, NY (100-60713)

Date: 4/11/55

From: RAYMOND E. BOYLE, SA

Subject: TASS NEWS AGENCY  
IS - R FOIA b 7 D

On 3/14/55, [REDACTED] of known reliability, advised SA VINCENT F. CLINCY that the following individuals were covered by the hospital plan of the Associated Hospital Service of NY, 80 Lexington Ave, NYC (Blue Cross Hospital Service Plan).

These persons were enrolled under group policy no. 14220P issued in the name of Tass Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, NY 20, NY:

Name	Certificate No.	Cost Per Month
BELL, NANCY	5 567 749 K	\$1.60
BURNS, PAUL A.	2 837 411W	\$4.36

- 1- NY 100-82143 (BELL) (#6)
- 1- NY 100-15157 (BURNS) (#6)
- 1- NY 100-80215 (BURROUGHS) (#6)
- 1- NY 100-58546 (DELGADO) (#6)
- 1- NY 100-59425 (FISHER) (#6)
- 1- NY 100-60618 (FREEMAN) (#6)
- 1- NY 105-3324 (HARRIS) (#6)
- 1- NY 100-10087 (JONES) (#6)
- 1- NY 100-79778 (KLEIN) (#6)
- 1- NY 100-24681 (LUNN) (#6)
- 1- NY 100-105025 (MONTGOMERY) (#6)
- 1- NY 100-82170 (ROSS) (#6)
- ①- NY 100-48274 (RUBIN) (#6)
- 1- NY 100-82073 (SHIELDS) (#6)
- 1- NY 100-82074 (VAN WICKLEMAN) (#6)
- 1- NY 105-6784 (ZIMMERMAN) (#6)

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Certificate Number</u>	<u>Cost Per Month</u>
BURROUGHS, ALISON	1 921 837K	\$1.60
DELGADO, EMILIE	1 704 901W	\$4.36
CUNNEY, CHARLES J.	5 235 967K	\$1.60
FISHER, RUTH	2 045 718W	\$4.36
FREEMAN, HARRY	2 222 112L	\$4.36
HARRIS, JESSIE	2 536 899K	\$1.60
JONES, HAYS	7 418 579K	\$1.60
KLEIN, JEROME A.	5 332 751W	\$4.36
LURIE, SASHA S.	1 690 158K	\$1.60
LURIE, ELLA	1 690 157K	\$1.60
MONTGOMERY, JEAN	1 704 909K	\$1.60
MURRAY, MORRIS L.	7 244 887L	\$4.36
ROSS, HARRY	1 846 105W	\$4.36
✓ RUBIN, BARNARD	5 211 316W	\$4.36
SHIELDS, E.L.	2 657 851L	\$4.36
VAN WICKLEN, FRED	1 704 900W	\$4.36
VAN WICKLEN, JUDITH	7 598 164K	\$1.60
ZIMMERMAN, CHARLES N.	7 646 252K	\$1.60

No dates appeared to indicate the date that these services became valid.

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4/13/55

RAYMOND E. BOYLE, SA

TASS NEWS AGENCY

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On 4/12/55 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PEGGY ROSS, wife of HARRY ROSS, contacted RUTH FISHER at the TASS office. PEGGY stated that HARRY ROSS had called her to break the news to her. She added that she requested him to do this because she "could smell something in the offing" when the name of BARNEY (RUBIN) was also mentioned. The informant advised that the news that was mentioned, referred to the fact that HARRY ROSS, BARNARD RUBIN, ALISON BURROUGHS, and PAUL BURNS were being dismissed by TASS.

FISHER stated that she felt miserable about the situation, and that "it's just going to be impossible here in so many departments". She added that she did not see how TASS could stay open 7 days a week. FISHER said that HARRY FREEMAN intended to call ROSS that night, and that FREEMAN was terribly upset. She claimed that he was considerably more upset than he was some years ago when a similar thing happened, and his eyes had not been dry all afternoon.

FISHER stated that she did not know the basis upon which the personnel were selected to be dismissed, and did not think that even IVAN I. BEGLOV knows. She said that she thought the selections were made at the main office overseas. FISHER said that the only consolation lay in the fact that there would be a "goodly sum", probably referring to a termination bonus.

PEGGY ROSS stated that she felt more miserable about it than HARRY because the action had come so suddenly. She indicated that HARRY ROSS had no plans for any other employment. PEGGY said that 13 years, probably referring to the length of ROSS's employment with TASS, had been thrown out.

- 1 - 100-82170 (ROSS)
- ① - 100-48274 (RUBIN)
- 1 - 100-15157 (BURNS)
- 1-100-80215 (BURROUGHS)
- 1 - 100-59425 (FISHER)
- 1 - 100-60618 (FREEMAN)
- 1 - 105-3287 (BEGLOV)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY (100-48275)

DATE: 4/13/55

FROM : RAYMOND E. BOYLE, SA

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN  
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On 4/12/55 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that RUTH FISHER contacted the subject at his residence and advised him that she had been instructed to call him and tell him to be in the TASS office by noon. The subject stated that he could not make it until 1:15 PM. FISHER stated she would check and call him back. The informant stated that she called the subject's wife a short time later and told her that it would be OK to be in by 1:15PM.

1 - 100-59425 (FISHER)  
1 - 100-60713 (TASS)

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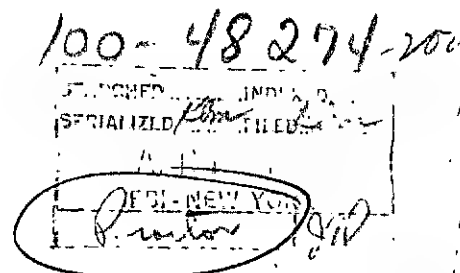
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On 4/13/55 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that RUTH FISHER contacted HARRY ROSS at his residence. She asked how he was taking his dismissal, and he said "OK". ROSS then asked who was leaving besides himself. FISHER stated that in addition to him there was "LIV" BURROUGHS, ANNE BURNS and BARBARA RUBIN.

FISHER stated that there are others who are going to be leaving from the EASS office in NY, as well as some from Washington, DC. FISHER said that this is only the beginning. When asked what she meant by that she said, "Well, I have the feeling that it, the tendency or trend, is probably toward the pre-war office." She then stated that it is "only a matter of time". ROSS agreed. ROSS said that he did not want to come to the office because everyone is weeping over it.

- 1 - 100-59425 (FISHER)
- 1 - 100-52170 (ROSS)
- ① - 100-43074 (RUBIN)
- 1 - 100-60215 (BURROUGHS)
- 1 - 100-15157 (BURNS)



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① - 100-48274 (Rubin)  
1 - 100-60618 ~~(Rubin)~~ (Freeman)  
1 - 105-3287 (Beglov)  
1 - 100-81891 (Fisher)

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HARRY ROSS

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On 4/18/55 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject contacted RUTH FISHER at the TASS office. He stated that BARNARD RUBIN called him at home last night while he was out, and did not leave a telephone number where he could be reached, or say what he wanted.

The subject said he was fine and had recovered from the news of his dismissal from Tass. He also said that his wife, PEGGY ROSS, would go to work for The Greater New York Fund during their fund raising campaign. The subject said that he himself is going around seeing people and making contacts.

The subject said that EMILIO DELGADO was over to visit him Saturday night 4/16/55, and they all had a nice time. He then mentioned that he did not want to get involved with RUBIN. FISHER suggested that when he calls RUBIN he should not give RUBIN too much to "chew" on, and not let RUBIN cry on his shoulder.

- 1 - 100-59425 (Fisher)
- ① - 100-48274 (Rubin)
- 1 - 100-58546 (Delgado)

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On 4/17/55 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that BARNARD RUBIN contacted PAUL BURNS at BURNS' residence. RUBIN said that he was sorry about the entire situation, and asked BURNS if he had anything in mind yet. BURNS stated that he had nothing in mind yet and was still recovering and thinking the situation over.

RUBIN stated that there was something "pretty ghastly" about the business. He said that he was not thinking so much about himself as ~~about~~ he had been in only a year and a half, but that he had in mind "you guys" who had been in 14 years. RUBIN stated that there was something morally and ethically wrong about the situation, to which BURNS added "financially" as well.

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RUBIN said that he thought there should be some way of taking the matter a step higher, and it would be wrong to let the matter drop. RUBIN commented that there was something "very foul" about taking 14 years of a man's best earning power, and after he is "marked", dropping him with a polite regret. He said that he ~~was~~ got a little mad the more he thought about it. BURNS agreed and said he would tell RUBIN about it when they had a "shorter wire".

- 1 - 100-15157 (Burns)
- ① - 100-48274 (Rubin)

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4/22/55

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HARRY ROSS  
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On 4/20/55 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that RUTH FISHER contacted the subject at his residence. The subject stated that he did not know whether people were running away from him or not. He said that he is going to see a friend he has not seen in 20 years who is City Editor for the "NY Post" Bronx section. The meeting is not for the paper, and will take place outside of the newspaper office.

ROSS stated that he has contacted several people, some of whom have given him advice. Others he has not yet contacted, including the man who got him a job many years ago, and who is now with the Einstein School of Medicine.(ph). ROSS said that there is not much to tell since the people who are not "our people" can only suggest and advise. He stated that he has to find "our people", and the trouble is that he does not know too many of them. He said that with "our people" there is no explanation because they "know the score".

ROSS asked FISHER how her friend S.L.(ph) is, and states that S.L. went to see BARNY, (probably BARNARD RUBIN), and gave him some advice and a name and address. ROSS stated that BARNY doesn't know how to follow up the lead so gave it to him. ROSS said that he knew S.L.'s wife as she worked with him in the union, but he hates to walk in on S.L. because he has not seen him for 10 years.

ROSS said that he had discussed with PAUL BURNS the fact that others like ALLEN (ph), (possibly ALAN KLEIN, a former Tass employee) got out while they were still needed, and got on their feet, while he and BURNS stayed on.

FISHER said that ALISON BURROUGHS still comes to the office. It was then mentioned that ARROWHEAD (ph) is looking for a women counselor, but with a counselor job you can not leave a child with anyone.

- 1 - 100-59425 (Fisher)
- 1 - 100-15157 (Burns)
- 1 - 100-80215 (Burroughs)
- ① - 100-48274 (Rubin)

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RAYMOND E. BOYLE, SA (#6)

TASS NEWS AGENCY  
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FOIA(b)(7) - (D) Chase National Bank,  
30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, whose identity should be kept  
confidential, furnished information re the TASS NEWS AGENCY  
checking account to SA MARTIN J. MC GUINN on 5/2/55.

Among the checks issued by TASS, the following  
were noted:

On 4/25/55, a check was issued to PAUL BURNS  
for \$4540.65. The breakdown on this amount is as follows:

Severance Pay	\$4136.88
Salary, 4/16/55-4/25/55	\$ 157.01
Vacation, 7 days	\$ 183.19
Night Differential, 4/16 - 25/55	\$ 2.62
4% Federal Old Age Benefits	\$ 13.71
Less payment to Associated Hospital Service	\$ 2.76
Total	\$4540.65

On 4/25/55, a check was issued to ALISON  
BURROUGHS for \$2488.81. The breakdown on this amount is  
as follows:

- 1 - NY 100-15157 (PAUL BURNS)
- 1 - NY 100-80215 (ALISON BURROUGHS)
- 1 - NY 100-82170 (HARRY ROSS)
- 1 - NY 100-48274 (BARNARD RUBIN)

REB:JM  
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Severance Pay	\$2284.50
Salary, 4/16 - 25/55	\$ 91.58
Vacation, 7 days	\$ 106.61
4% Federal Old Age Benefits	\$ 7.42
Less payment to Associated Hospital Service	<u>\$ 1.60</u>
Total	\$2488.81

On 4/25/55, a check was issued to BARNARD RUBIN for the sum of \$385.76. The breakdown on this amount is as follows:

SEVERANCE 4/25/55	
Four weeks salary at \$69.23	\$ 276.92
Vacation, one and one half weeks	\$ 103.85
4% Federal Old Age Benefits	\$ 7.75
Less payment to Associated Hospital Service	<u>\$ 2.76</u>
Total	\$ 385.76

It was noted that no check for severance pay was located by SA MC GUINN issued to HARRY ROSS. Such a check could have been issued to ROSS, but not cashed by him during the month of April, 1955.

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SAs GEORGE A. DIMLER and THOMAS W. MC GUIRE, in the observation post overlooking the TASS Office, noted that BURROUCHS and BURNS reported for work regularly until 4/25/55. BURNS was also observed in the TASS Office on 4/26/55. ROSS was last observed at work in the TASS Office on 4/15/55. RUBIN was last observed at work in the TASS Office on 4/20/55.

The above information was furnished to the Bureau by Airtel dated 5/3/55.

The informant could furnish no additional information regarding the above checks. Above information was furnished to SA MARTIN J. MC GUINN on 12/1/54 and 1/3;2/1;3/1;4/1;5/2/55.

Information regarding the TASS NEWS AGENCY Bank Account is maintained in NY 100-60713-1B82.



**File—Serial Charge Out**

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Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Serial \_\_\_\_\_ Date Charged \_\_\_\_\_

SERIAL 205 MISSING AT  
 TIME OF STRIPPING

Employee \_\_\_\_\_

**RECHARGE**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

Initials of Clerk { \_\_\_\_\_  
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Employee \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Director, FBI (100-40033)

5/13/55

SAC, New York (100-48274)

BARNARD RUBIN, was.  
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the  
above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be  
changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) ~~Remove from Special Section~~ \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

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KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED AGENCIES \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTERED MAIL

REB:MTR

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CSC, NY (100-60713)

MAY 12 1955

WILLIAM L. DOWDA, SA (53)

RE: RUSSELL A. CROFT  
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FOIA(b)(7) - D

[REDACTED] Chase National Bank, 30  
Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, whose records should be protected, furnished  
information regarding checks issued by Chase Trust Agency from its  
checking account at the Chase National Bank. During the period  
November, 1954 to April, 1955, checks were issued to the following  
non-Soviet employees of Chase Trust Agency for the amounts indicated:

NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
FRANK W. DOWDA	11/10/54	\$107.00 Chase Trust Co. Account (E-121)
	11/24/54	\$297.25
	12/10/54	\$100.00
	12/31/54	\$96.00 (1 per cent Soviet Old Age Benefits)

1 - NY 100-60713 (DOWDA)  
1 - NY 100-3324 (DOWDA)  
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Assigned to: *Rosen*  
Date: *6-8-55*

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<u>Debit</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WELLY HILLMAN	1/10/55	\$400.00
	1/25/55	\$397.26
	2/10/55	\$396.93
	2/25/55	\$397.26 (Salary \$400.00 less 2.74, Associated Hospital Service Payment)
	3/10/55	\$400.00 (Money back on 1/25/55 Trust Co. Account #54431)
	3/25/55	\$397.26
	3/31/55	\$400.00 (4 year 6% Federal C&C Age Benefit)
	4/1/55	\$400.26
	4/25/55	\$397.26

WELLY HILLMAN

It was noted that WELLY received checks for \$225.00 on the following dates:

11/20/54  
 11/21/54  
 12/21/54  
 1/10/55  
 1/25/55  
 2/10/55  
 2/25/55  
 3/10/55  
 3/25/55  
 4/1/55  
 4/25/55

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 AT 100-48729

Name

Date

Amount

ROBIN HAMM

On 12/31/54 and 1/22/55, HAMM received checks for \$22.00 for 1/2 pay sent Federal Old Age Benefits.

EDWARD HAMM

11/1/54	\$275.40
11/28/54	\$170.00
12/10/54	\$276.25 (\$2517 \$170.00 plus 87.25 overtime)
1/10/55	\$210.50
1/25/55	\$270.00
2/10/55	\$273.00
2/23/55	\$270.00
3/10/55	\$287.00 (Salary plus 87.50 overtime)
3/25/55	\$212.00
3/31/55	\$12.07 (1/2 pay sent Federal Old Age Benefits)
4/7/55	\$222.13
5/22/55	\$320.00

2423 JWP

It was noted that JWP received checks for \$225.00 on the following dates:

11/10/54  
 11/24/54  
 12/6/54  
 1/10/55  
 1/25/55  
 2/6/55

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Name

Date

Amount

DAVID STONE

2/25/55  
3/10/55  
3/25/55  
4/7/55  
6/25/55

In addition, STONE received checks for  
\$54.00 on 12/30/54 and on 3/31/55 for  
4 per cent Federal Old Age Benefits.

GEORGE HEATH

11/10/54	\$283.50
11/24/54	\$300.74
12/10/54	\$283.50
12/31/54	\$75.11 (\$43.56 4 per cent Old Age Benefits plus night differential)
1/10/55	\$283.50
1/25/55	\$300.74 (\$281.50 Salary plus \$19.26 Associated Hospital Service)
2/9/55	\$292.67 (Salary plus \$9.17 night differential)
2/25/55	\$283.74
3/10/55	\$290.05 (Salary plus \$6.55 overtime)
3/25/55	\$280.74
3/31/55	\$60.67 (4 per cent Federal Old Age Benefits)

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<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PERIOD PAID	6/7/55	\$286.12 (Salary plus \$2.62 night differential)
	6/22/55	\$285.74
PAID PAID	11/10/54	\$293.90
	11/24/54	\$291.70
	12/10/54	\$293.00 (Salary \$281.50 plus overtime)
	12/31/54	\$70.43 (10 per cent Federal Old Age Benefits \$69.51 plus night differential)
	1/10/55	\$283.50
	1/25/55	\$261.00 (Salary \$283.50 less \$2.00 Associated Hospital Services Payment)
	2/10/55	\$270.05 (Salary plus \$6.55 night differential)
	2/25/55	\$291.90
	3/10/55	\$294.51 (Salary plus \$1.31 overtime)
	3/25/55	\$291.90
	3/31/55	\$63.35 (10 per cent Federal Old Age Benefits)
	6/7/55	\$290.05 (Salary plus \$6.55 night differential)

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
MARIA LURIA	1/22/55	\$221.90
MARY SOOF	2/9/54	\$222.67
	2/24/54	\$250.74
	12/10/54	\$253.63 (Salary \$283.50 plus overtime)
	12/23/54	\$253.74 (Salary \$283.50 less \$30.76 Associated Hospital Service Payment)
	12/31/54	\$282.37 (4 per cent Federal Old Age Benefits \$69.77 plus night differential \$13.10)
	1/7/55	\$282.50
	1/25/55	\$280.74
	2/10/55	\$287.43 (Salary plus \$3.93 night differential)
	2/25/55	\$280.74
	3/10/55	\$290.05 (Salary plus \$6.55 overtime)
	3/25/55	\$280.74
	3/31/55	\$280.46 (4 per cent Federal Old Age Benefits)
	4/7/55	\$292.67 (Salary plus \$9.17 night differential)



MEMO  
BY 100-60723

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BARNARD RUBIN	11/1/54	\$150.00
	11/1/54	\$147.24 (Merica Savings Bank Account \$1,000.00)
	11/10/54	\$ 13.80
	12/10/54	\$163.11 (Salary \$150.00 plus \$13.11 overtime)
	12/31/54	\$50.51 (4 per cent Federal Old Age Benefit \$30.00 plus night differential \$19.42)
	1/15/55	\$150.00
	1/25/55	\$147.24 (Salary \$150.00 less \$2.76 Associated Hospital Service Payment)
	2/3/55	\$163.00 (Salary plus \$13.00 night differential)
	2/25/55	\$147.24
	3/3/55	\$153.45 (Salary plus \$3.45 overtime)
	3/25/55	\$147.24
	3/31/55	\$36.69 (4 per cent Federal Old Age Benefit)
	4/7/55	\$163.00 (Salary plus \$13.00 night differential)

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Name

Date

Amount

✓ MARVIN RUBIN

1/20/55

\$87.00  
(Salary 1/19-20/55  
\$89.20; salary 1/25/55  
\$11.50 plus night  
differential \$6.90)

1/23/55

\$355.76

DAVID RUBIN

11/10/54

\$354.52

11/21/54

\$298.24

12/10/54

\$354.52  
(Salary \$395 plus overtime)

12/31/54

\$41.73  
(1/2 per cent Federal Old Age  
Benefit \$72.21 plus night  
differential \$9.52)

1/10/55

\$205.00

1/25/55

\$202.24  
(Salary \$275.00 less \$2.76  
Accommod Hospital Services  
Incent)

2/10/55

\$354.32  
(Salary plus \$2.52 night  
differential)

2/25/55

\$270.21

3/10/55

\$297.72  
(Salary plus \$2.72 overage)

3/25/55

\$302.53

3/31/55

\$72.29  
(1/2 per cent Federal Old Age  
Benefit)

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Home	Date	Amount
WALTER CHI-LOO	4/7/55	\$324.30 (Salary plus \$9.52 night differential)
	4/22/55	\$322.20
PA. LEBRON. WASH STATION	11/10/54	\$323.30
	11/24/54	\$379.24
	12/12/54	\$322.50
	12/31/54	\$324.30 (It was over Federal Old Age Benefits)
	1/12/55	\$323.30
	1/25/55	\$379.24 (Salary \$323.50 less \$4.35 Associated Hospital Services Payment)
	2/12/55	\$323.30
	2/25/55	\$379.24
	3/12/55	\$323.30
	3/25/55	\$379.24
	3/31/55	\$324.30 (It was over Federal Old Age Benefits)
	4/7/55	\$323.30
	4/25/55	\$379.24

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
STANLEY KATZ	10/24/54	\$150.00
	11/9/54	\$150.00
	11/24/54	\$150.00 (Overnight, telephone and travel \$100.00)
	12/31/54	\$150.00 (1/2 per cent Federal Old Age benefits \$75.00 plus \$75.00 night differential)
	1/10/55	\$150.00
	2/25/55	\$150.00
	2/10/55	\$150.00 (Salary \$150.00 plus 1/21. overhead)
	2/25/55	\$150.00
	3/10/55	\$250.00 (Salary plus \$50.00 overtime)
	3/25/55	\$150.00
	3/11/55	\$150.00 (1/2 per cent Federal Old Age benefits)
	4/7/55	\$150.00 (Salary plus \$5.00 night differential)

The informant could furnish no additional information regarding the above checks. The above information was furnished to SA JAMES J. W. O'NEIL on 12/1/54 and 1/1/55; 2/1/55; 3/1/55; 4/1/55 and 5/2/55. Information regarding the Jack Katz Agency bank account is maintained in NY 100-40723-1232.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-40033)

DATE: 5/13/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was.  
IS-RCorrected Security Index card  
attached for card  
in file. Place photo and description on  
reverse side of geographical card.

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the  
above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be  
changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY (100-48274)

DATE: 6/10/55

FROM : RAYMOND E. BOYLE, SA

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN  
IS - R

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On 6/6/55 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that HARRY FISHER contacted the subject. FISHER stated that it is pretty definite that "we will be using you" for about a 10 week period starting on 7/1/55. FISHER said that this will be during the vacation period, but would not run into the UN General Assembly session to be held next Fall.

1 - 100-81891 (Fisher)  
1 - 100-60713 (Tass)

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

She stated that the American employees dismissed by the TK office of Tass within the past several months (ALICE BROWNELL, ALICE S. FINE, WYATT ROSS, and ALICE HURF) are angry over their dismissal. They are unable to obtain suitable employment because of their past Tass employment. She said that the new Soviet employee at the Washington Bureau (MARILYN S. PARSONS) is attempting to bring about a change in the operation of the office. She said that no one talking with her is anywhere at Tass, but she assumes that HENRI HURF will replace ALICE S. BROWNELL as Chief of the Washington Bureau.

WATSON stated that since 1941 he has quit his teletype position, the Washington Bureau has been "totally loaded up", because the Soviet-born employees can not correctly transmit her English copy.

1. The Agent at Laredo, as he is known for the clandestine in the "C" office, "CIBOLA" advised, to the point for loose identification, was indicated that she was married that she was alone here, as indicated for that that person having asked for him can not possibly identify other individuals.

1 - 100-15157 (Burns)  
1 - 100-80215 (Merrouche)  
1 - 100-30170 (Rosa)  
1 - 100-18274 (Tybin)  
1 - 105-3320 (Kolshaley)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY (100-48274)  
FROM : RAYMOND E. BOYLE, SA  
SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN  
IS - R

DATE: 7/22/55

FOIA b 7 D

On 7/18/55 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that HARRY FISHER contacted the Tass office and spoke to SASHA LURIE. FISHER instructed LURIE to advise the subject of 2 changes in his work schedule. FISHER stated that the subject would work on Monday night instead of Friday night, and would also work during the day on Saturday instead of on Saturday night.

FISHER explained that these changes were due to the fact that ANATOLI S. SAVELEV does not want to work with the subject. FISHER added that SAVELEV had claimed that he might be busy and wants to have a good operator on duty with him.

During her conversation with FISHER, LURIE said that it was "not too bad" to be back.

The above info re the subject's reemployment by Tass was furnished to the Bureau for informational purposes by airtel dated 7/18/55, by the writer.

- 1- 105-6322 (Savelev)
- 1- 100-60713 (Tass)
- 1- 100-81891 (Fisher)
- 1- 100-24681 (Lurie)

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BARBARA RUBIN  
IS - R

FOIA(b)(7), (D) [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 7/18/55, that the subject is presently working nights at Tass News Agency as a teletype operator.

Informant also advised that Soviet Tass correspondent ANATOLI S. SAVILEV does not want to work alone with subject, claiming he might be busy, in which case he wants a good teletype operator on duty with him.

For information of Bureau, informant previously advised the subject, who had been dismissed from Tass effective 4/25/55, was to be rehired on a temporary basis for approximately ten weeks to fill in during the vacation period starting July, 1955.

Above for information of Bureau.

RM

REPLY

- 3 - Bureau (100-40030) (RM)
- 1 - Bureau (100-183336) (TASS)
- 1 - Bureau (105-23572) (SAVILEV)
- 1 - NY (100-65713) (TASS)
- 1 - NY (105-6342) (SAVILEV)

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100-48274-713

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-48274)

DATE: 9/12/55

FROM : SA JOHN A. YATTEAU

SUBJECT: BERNARD RUBIN

IS - R

FOIA b 7 D

On 8/29/55, [redacted] advised that the subject received a telephone call from his mother in the course of which the latter advised the subject that SOL had called about a job for the subject and left instructions for him to call BERNARD DIDDLE (ph) at 10:30 AM the following day. The subject's mother understood that the job had something to do with writing for some medical journal at \$150 per week.

On 9/6/55, the informant advised that in a telephone conversation with an unidentified woman (possibly subject's wife), the subject related the details of an interview he had had that day concerning a new job. The subject indicated he might get the job and stated, "I saw the guy and it looks like they want me." The subject stated he had asked for \$7500 and was advised that they usually started off at \$6500 but that at the conclusion of the interview, "he" (the person who interviewed subject) had indicated that they might be able to raise the starting salary to \$7000. The subject stated that the matter of permanency was the only hitch and that "he" had claimed that it was their firm intention to make the job permanent but that some things were beyond their control. The subject further stated that "he" admitted that after four months or so "they" might decide to have the subject do some work in Montreal or Chicago.

The informant continued that he gathered that this new job was outside New York City, possibly in Canada.

In the above conversation of 9/6/55, the subject also related that after the interview he went back to see "our friend" who was of the opinion that the job belonged to subject if he wanted it. The friend advised the subject to take this job. The subject indicated that this friend was going to check with the man who had interviewed RUBIN and get in touch with the subject the next day. The subject remarked that the only thing that worried him was "the kid's school".

The woman reminded the subject that he had another appointment the next day.

1 cc: 100-60713 (TASS)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY (100-48274)

DATE: 8/24/55

SUB FROM : RAYMOND E. BOYLE, SA

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN  
IS - R

FOIA(b)(7) - D  
 [REDACTED] Chase - Manhattan Bank,  
 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, whose identity should be protected, furnished  
 information re the Tass checking account to SA Martin J. Mc Guinn on 8/1/55.

It was noted that a check dated 7/8/55 was issued to the  
 subject by Tass for the sum of \$ 144.00. This amount was broken down to  
 reflect that \$ 138.48 was for salary for the pay period ending 7/15/55,  
 and \$ 5.52 was for night differential.

Another check for \$ 175.00 was issued to the subject on  
 7/25/55. It was reflected that the subject received 10 days salary @ \$ 17.50  
 per day. The days he was paid for were 7/16, 17, 17, 18, 23, 24, 24,  
 29, 30, and 31.

Info re the Tass checking account is maintained in  
 NY 100-60713-1E 82.

It may be noted that the first time the subject was observed  
 at work in the Tass office by the Observation Post overlooking the Tass  
 office was on 7/18/55. On this date the subject was observed to enter the Tass  
 office at 7 PM by SA ROBERT P. MURPHY, but was not observed to leave.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC NEW YORK

FROM : SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, WAS  
IS-R

DATE: 10/4/55

an O-1 form was received on captioned matter on 9/23/55, requesting that the Bureau be advised when a report could be expected. a review of the case file reflects that it contains information that should be reported and the investigation brought up to date. It is recommended that this case be re-opened and the investigation brought up date to date.

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Director, FBI (100-40033)

SAC, New York (100-48274)

BARNARD RUBIN was.  
IS-R

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REFERENCE

SAC letter 55-30, dated 4/12/55.

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DATE 9-22-55

SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE

All New York symbol informants have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise noted.

"Daily Worker", (DW) dated 12/3/40, page 5 column 5, indicated BEN RUBIN, Executive Secretary of the CP in Berks County and veteran of the Lincoln Brigade was one of six defendants indicted in Reading, Pa. and Berks County, Pa. case of perjury violation of state election code and conspiracy. See 2 p 1

"DW", dated 1/7/43, page 1 column 5, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, stated that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania reversed the lower court decision in the Reading CP nominating petition case and set aside the conviction of BEN RUBIN on perjury charges. See 2 p 2

The records of the Berks County Court House, Reading, Pennsylvania, were reviewed following the December session of the above court in 1940, and reflected the subject stated he came to Reading, Pennsylvania, from Spain where he fought and had been wounded with the International Brigade. According to the above records, RUBIN had stated he had been a member of the CP for five or six years, an official of the Party, having been elected Executive Secretary and asserted he was a candidate for Congressman on the CP ticket. See 173 p 9

"DW" dated 12/3/40, for Reading, Pennsylvania, reflected that the subject was Executive Secretary of the CP in Berks County, Pa and a veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. See 173 p 9

A Federal Works Agency report, 4/20/41, revealed that JEAN HILLIS, subject's wife, had written the subject's landlady in the latter part of 1940 to the effect that following RUBIN'S arrest in Reading, Pa. for election frauds, he (RUBIN) was deeply devoted to the cause of Communism and would go to any lengths to further its aims.

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Private L. L. LUCAS, Pennsylvania Motor Police, advised that a large quantity of Communistic literature; namely, about three dozen books and pamphlets by various well known CP leaders and government officials of the USSR were confiscated by the Pennsylvania Motor Police from the subject's former residence, 126 South Ninth Street, Reading, Pa. on 3/10/42.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] advised that on 2/1/43, at a CP meeting at CP Headquarters, 9 Center Street, New Haven, ANDREW ONDA, Executive Secretary, 15th District CP, and ISODORE WOFSY, State Secretary (Conn.) stated that RUBIN had operated as Temporary CP functionary in Waterbury, Conn., but were displeased with him because he (RUBIN) would not represent the CP openly in Waterbury. *See p 4*

The "DW", dated 2/15/49, page 10, contains an article by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN wherein she writes of the subject: "I met Comrade RUBIN first when he came back from Spain. He was section organizer of the CP in Reading, Pennsylvania ..... He was arrested in one of the election petition drives in Pennsylvania..... Next I heard of him in Waterbury, Connecticut where he worked in a brass shop and helped organize the union and the Party....."

[redacted] advised in June 1947 that the subject had been employed on the staff of the "Daily Worker", since March 1947. *See 173 p5*

[redacted] an employer of the "DW", with whom contact has been insufficient to judge reliability advised in September of 1950, that due to a cut-back in the employment on the editorial staff of the "DW" at that time the subject was one of a group discharged. *See 175 p5*

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In connection with the column written by the subject in the "DW" entitled "Broadway Beat", RUBIN made the following remarks in issue dated 1/13/47, "is the reason behind WALTER WINCHELL'S propaganda campaign to run FBI Chief J. EDGAR HOOVER for President, the fact that HOOVER has a secret dossier on WINCHELL a mile long.....including some particularly nasty items?" RUBIN continued by saying "this incidentally, is a common practice of the FBI Chief".

The subject's writings in the "DW" since October 28, 1947, revealed that considerable space was devoted to attacks on law enforcement officials and agencies, American Foreign policy and Capitalist culture.

JOSEPHINE TRUSLOV ADAMS with whom contact has been insufficient to judge reliability but who stated she was acquainted with ELIZABETH FLYNN, advised 8/8/51, that when she knew FLYNN, the latter stated that four of the convicted Communists who jumped bail had hidden out at BARNARD RUBIN'S place on Third Avenue. According to ADAMS, FLYNN stated that the subject was a good friend of ROBERT THOMPSON and a member of VALB. *See 173 p 15*

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

[redacted] advised on 6/30/50, that the subject was still a member of the CP. *See 173 p 16*

[redacted] advised 6/23/53, that the subject had attended a general membership meeting of the National Council of Arts, Science and Professions, Incorporated (NCASP) held on June 17, 1953. *See 173 p 16*

[redacted] advised in 3/51, that the play written by the subject entitled "Candy Story" was a lower east side melodrama dealing with the social and labor problems which did not try to disguise the fact that it was a leftist play for leftist groups. [redacted] stated that some parts of RUBIN'S play were filled with insulting remarks about the President, Wall Street, Big Business, and has Communist propaganda injected throughout. *See 173 p 18*

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[redacted] advised 6/11/54, that the subject was writing articles for CP publications under the pen name of LEE NEWTON. *See 173 p 19*

[redacted] Chase National Bank, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, advised in May, 1954, that BARNARD RUBIN had been in the employ of the Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, since 3/31/54. *See 173 p 4*

Physical surveillance, vicinity of Tass News Agency determined on 7/15/54, that the subject generally worked on the night shift at Tass News Agency. *See 173 p 4*

FOIA(b (7)

(D) [redacted] advised 4/12/55, that BARNARD RUBIN among others was being dismissed by Tass News Agency. *See 198*

[redacted] Chase National Bank advised 5/2/55, that a final check was issued by Tass News Agency on 4/25/55, to the subject. *See 205*

[redacted] advised on 7/18/55, that the subject was presently working nights at Tass and was rehired on a temporary basis for approximately ten weeks starting July, 1955. *See 213*

#### RECOMMENDATION

Retain in Security Index. Subject's membership in the CP dates from five or six years prior to 1940, by self-admission and as recent as June 1950, by a reliable informant. He has held office of Section Organizer and Executive Secretary of the CP, Berks County, Pa. prior to 1940, CP functionary in Waterbury, Conn 2/43, wrote for "DW" 3/47-9/50, and under pen name 6/54, employed Tass News Agency from 3/54 to 4/55, and as recent as 7/55, on temporary basis, and allegedly hid four of the convicted communists who jumped bail.



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DETCOM TABBING

1. Subject is presently tabbed Detcom and Gomsab.
2. Not approved under SAC letter 55-12 (A), dated 2/10/55, and SI card from Bureau does not bear Detcom in large red letters.
3. Not recommended for Detcom Tabbing.

Director, FBI (100-40033)

SEP 19 1955

SAC, New York (100-48274)

BARNARD RUBIN  
IS-R

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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(3)100-48274-118  
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TRANSMIT TO *New York* OFFICE

Director, FBI (100-40033)

SAC, New York (100-48274)

BARNARD RUBIN  
IS-RSEP 19 1955  
Connected Security Index cards  
attached. Substitute for cards  
in file and destroy old cards.  
Place photograph and description on  
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BY

AIRTEL

NEW YORK, 10/11/55

ST. LOUIS

BARNARD RUBIN, wa; IS - R.

Re St. Louis airtel, 8/25/55, which set forth information obtained from subject's Army service record on file at the Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Record Center, World War II Unit, Department of the Army.

St. Louis furnish NYO with name of employees that checked these records and date records were checked so that NYO can include this information in report which has been promised to Bureau by 10/26/55. *SUAIRTEL.*

2 - St. Louis (105-681) (RM)

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1 - J. J. O'BRIEN

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Date charged

Employee

Location

SAC, NEW YORK (100-15157)

10/12/55

SA RAYMOND E. BOYLE

PAUL BURNS

IS - R FOIA b 1 D

On 10/4/55, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during a conversation between HARRY FISHER and his wife, RUTH FISHER, he mentioned that the subject was in the Tass office on that day and that he had talked to him and had lunch with him. HARRY then advised that BARNARD RUBIN had taken a job that the subject was going after and the subject was quite "cut up" about it, as he was being "double crossed".

RUTH remarked that if RUBIN was involved, the worst could be believed. HARRY then stated that he would talk to HARRY FREEMAN about it sometime in the future.

According to the informant, RUBIN apparently got a job on "The Spectrum", a position that HARRY was trying to get for the subject.

When asked how RUBIN had obtained the position, HARRY stated that he understands it was "through intense personal pressure", so he must have known a "big shot".

RUTH mentioned that RUBIN is not satisfied with one job but has to have two or three jobs.

HARRY remarked that the main thing is that RUBIN knew this was going to happen for months and never let them in on it. He mentioned that he called ELEANOR FERRY (ph) in order to pave the way for her to see the subject. He mentioned that he had a quick lead he would like to give the subject but that he does not have the subject's telephone number which is an unlisted number.

After some hesitation, RUTH gave the subject's unlisted telephone number as Watkins 9-6053.

(1-NY 100-48274 (RUBIN)  
1-NY 100-60713 (Tass)  
1-NY 100-81891 (H. FISHER)  
1-NY 100-59425 (R. FISHER)  
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SAC, NEW YORK (100-48274)

BARNARD RUBIN, wa.  
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Reur airtel 10-11-55, and SL airtel 8-25-54.

Investigation contained in re SL airtel was  
conducted by SE RAY HOMESLEY

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>601 28 1955</b>	Investigative Period <b>10/10-14, 17-19/55</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED BARNARD RUBIN, was: Barney Rubin, Lee Newton, Ben Ruben, Ben Rubin</b>		Report made by <b>EDWARD F. GAMBER</b>	Typed By <b>jw</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - R</b>	

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 807 Riverside Drive, NYC. Subject dismissed from employment at Tass News Agency, NYC, on 4/25/55; rehired on temporary basis in July, 1955; last known to have worked at Tass News Agency on 9/9/55. Informant believes subject is employed by "The Spectrum", a medical magazine, but is unable to furnish any additional information concerning subject's employment. Subject served US Army 5/10/44 to 5/24/46, received honorable discharge. Army record reflects subject employed 1939 to January, 1942 as Secretary of CP in Reading and Berks County, Pennsylvania; served as First Lieutenant, Spanish Loyalist Forces, and Morale Line Lieutenant, 1938; was member of International Brigade. Subject in contact with JIRI NOSEK, former permanent representative of Czechoslovak UN Delegation in December, 1954. Subject author of short dramatization presented at public meeting of the "Hiroshima Commemorative Committee".

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Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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NY 100-48274

DETAILS: The title of this case has been changed to reflect the name BEN RUBIN, which subject used while serving in the United States Army, as obtained from his Army records.

Residence

on October 10, 1955, [REDACTED] b 7 D  
[REDACTED] 807 Riverside Drive, New York City, advised that the subject and his family continue to reside in Apartment 4B, on these premises.

Employment

On March 14, 1955, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that subject was enrolled under Blue Cross Hospital Service Plan Policy Number 14220P, which was issued to Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City. Subject's certificate number is 5211316W, which costs him \$4.36 a month.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 12, 1955, that subject was one of four American employees of Tass News Agency, who were going to be dismissed. On April 16, 1955, informant advised that IVAN I. BEGLOV, a Soviet National and then head of Tass News Agency in New York City, in a recent conversation with subject, advised subject that he would have to let him go on or about April 25, 1955. BEGLOV told subject that it was not a question of his work and that he would probably use subject during the United Nations session in September.

Informant believes that subject's conversation with BEGLOV probably took place at 1:15 P.M. on April 12, 1955, as subject was supposed to be in the Tass News Agency Office at 12 Noon on that date, but for some unknown reason he was unable to be there until 1:15 P.M. According to informant, subject was apparently shocked by his dismissal from Tass.

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Informant stated that HARRY FISHER, American employee of Tass News Agency, intended to make a plea to BEGLOV to keep one of the employees who were being discharged to fill in at the United Nations session, during vacations and in case of sickness. Informant believes that this plea was to be made on behalf of subject, as FISHER told subject that between those items he would be working almost as much as before he was dismissed.

Informant advised that subject, in commenting on the dismissal of the American employees at Tass News Agency, said there was something "pretty ghastly" about the whole business. RUBIN said that he was not thinking about himself so much as he was those who had been employed there fourteen years or more. Informant believes that subject was referring to HARRY ROSS, an American who had been employed by Tass News Agency for approximately fourteen years, and who was to be dismissed with the subject.

RUBIN'S comments continued with the expression that in his opinion, something morally and ethically wrong existed with the dismissal of these employees, and there should be some way of taking the matter a step higher. Subject thought that it would be wrong to let the matter drop and commented that there was something "very foul" about taking fourteen years of a man's best earning power and after he is "marked", dropping him with a polite regret. According to the informant, subject stated that he got a little mad the more <sup>he</sup> thought about it.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that subject was last known to have worked at Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, on April 20, 1955, until July 18, 1955, on which date subject again worked at Tass. Informant advised that subject worked at Tass News Agency on an irregular basis during July and August, 1955, and that he was last known to have worked at Tass on September 9, 1955.

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T-2, previously mentioned, advised on June 6, 1955, that subject was to be rehired by Tass News Agency on a temporary basis for approximately ten weeks for the purpose of filling in during the vacation period which started in July, 1955.

A telephone call made to Tass News Agency on October 10, 1955, under suitable pretext, established that subject had not been employed there for approximately one month.

T-4, who is in a position to furnish information of record, advised that the following checks were issued to the subject from the Tass News Agency checking account at the Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, on the following dates for the sums of money indicated:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
October 30, 1953	\$ 60.00	April 23, 1954	\$137.24
November 10, 1953	130.00	May 10, 1954	153.00
November 25, 1953	130.00	May 25, 1954	137.24
December 10, 1953	136.00	June 10, 1954	153.00
December 24, 1953	130.00	June 25, 1954	137.24
December 31, 1953	34.70	June 30, 1954	35.11
January 8, 1954	140.00	July 9, 1954	151.05
January 25, 1954	140.00	July 23, 1954	137.24
February 10, 1954	151.70	August 25, 1954	137.24
February 25, 1954	137.24	September 3, 1954	152.35
March 10, 1954	151.05	September 10, 1954	10.00
March 25, 1954	137.24	September 24, 1954	147.24
March 31, 1954	34.51	September 30, 1954	35.85
April 9, 1954	151.70	October 7, 1954	163.11
		October 21, 1954	147.24
November 1, 1954	\$150.00	February 3, 1955	\$163.80
November 1, 1954	147.24	February 25, 1955	147.24
November 10, 1954	13.80	March 3, 1955	153.45
December 10, 1954	163.11	March 25, 1955	147.24
December 31, 1954	50.51	March 31, 1955	36.69
January 10, 1955	150.00	April 7, 1955	163.80
January 25, 1955	147.24	April 20, 1955	89.98
		April 25, 1955	385.76

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T-4 further advised that the subject's check dated December 24, 1953, contained the endorsement of ANNA MILLER, and that his checks dated March 31, 1954, June 25, 1954 and September 30, 1954, contained the endorsement of PEARL RUBIN and the notation "Harlem Savings Bank, 157th Street Branch, Account Number 140000." The informant advised that subject's checks dated April 9, 1954, September 3, 1954, September 24, 1954 and October 7, 1954, contained the endorsement of PEARL RUBIN and the notation "Harlem Savings Bank, 157th Street Branch, Account Number 139998." Informant also advised that subject's check dated September 10, 1954, contained a notation indicating that subject's salary had been increased to \$305 per month.

T-4 further advised that subject's check dated November 1, 1954, was endorsed by the Harlem Savings Bank for Account Number 140000; his check dated December 10, 1954, included \$150 salary plus \$13.11 in overtime, and that many of his other checks contained notations which indicated that adjustments were made for federal old age benefits and night differential, as well as associated hospital payments.

With regard to the check issued to subject for the sum of \$385.76 on April 25, 1955, informant noted that this was designated as severance pay which was broken down to include four weeks' salary at \$69.23, one and a half week's vacation pay of \$103.85 and four per cent federal old age benefits of \$7.75, from which there was deducted his payment to the associated hospital service of \$2.76.

With regard to subject's employment at Tass News Agency during July and August, T-4 advised that subject was issued a check on July 8, 1955, drawn upon the Tass News Agency account for the sum of \$145, on which there was indicated that \$138.48 of this sum represented salary for the pay period ending July 15, 1955, and \$5.52 was for night differential. Another check for the sum of \$175 was issued to the subject on July 25, 1955, upon which was a notation which indicated that it represented ten days' salary at \$17.50 per day

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for the dates July 16, 17, 17, 18, 23, 24, 24, 29, 30 and 31, 1955. The informant advised that on September 9, 1955, subject was issued a check for the sum of \$166.25, which represented nine and a half days' pay at \$17.50 per day for the dates September 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1955.

On September 13, 1955, subject was issued a check for the sum of \$127.41, which contained a notation indicating that it represented fourteen hours pay for Labor Day, \$58.75, four per cent federal old age benefits, \$33.66, and the additional sum of \$35.

Information obtained from T-4 should not be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

T-2, previously mentioned, advised on August 29, 1955, that subject's mother told him that a person by the name of "SOL" had called to tell him about a position which involved writing for some medical journal at \$150 per week. Informant understood that subject was to call BERNARD DIDDLE (phonetic) at 10:30 A.M. on August 30, 1955.

Informant further advised that on September 6, 1955, subject had an interview for a new job. Subject was of the opinion that he had a good chance to get the job. According to informant, subject had asked for a starting salary of \$7,500 a year, but the job called for \$6,500 a year; however, subject was of the opinion that they might raise the starting salary to \$7,000 and considered the matter of permanency to be the only drawback. The informant was of the opinion that after four months or so, subject's prospective employers might decide to have him do some work in Montreal or Chicago.

T-2 advised that after subject had the interview he talked to a friend of his who advised subject that the job was his if he wanted it. Subject's friend counseled him to take the job. Another concern of subject, according to the informant, was his child's schooling. Informant understands that subject had another appointment on the following day which probably concerned possible employment.

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On October 4, 1955, T-2 advised that subject apparently had a job with "The Spectrum," a job which HARRY FISHER was trying to obtain for PAUL BURNS, another of the discharged Tass employees. Informant understands that BURNS was quite "cut up" about it as he was being "double crossed."

Informant advised that HARRY FISHER and his wife have an apparent dislike for subject, as in discussing the fact that the subject and not BURNS obtained this job, they commented that "if RUBIN was involved the worst could be believed," and that RUBIN was not satisfied but had to have two or three jobs. The most disturbing thing to the FISHERS appeared to be their opinion that RUBIN knew this was going to happen for months and never let them in on it. The informant recalled that when subject and PAUL BURNS were first dismissed from Tass News Agency, RUTH FISHER, in counselling BURNS, told him not to give RUBIN too much to "chew on" and not to let RUBIN cry on his shoulder.

The Tass News Agency is the official Soviet Russian news gathering agency in the United States, and as such is registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

The records of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, disclosed that Tass filed a supplemental registration statement, #464, for the six month period ending March 31, 1952, on April 30, 1952, which reflected that PAUL BURNS was employed as a "Staff Writer."

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 21, 1950, that prior to receiving a position with Tass News Agency, PAUL BURNS discussed with him his formal resignation from the Communist Party (CP). T-5 stated that although as was the custom, BURNS had to resign formally from the Party, he actually remained a member.

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The records of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, Department of Justice, reflect that in a supplemental registration statement, filed on October 31, 1952, by the Tass News Agency for the six month period ending September 30, 1952, RUTH FISHER and her husband, HARRY FISHER, were listed as employees.

T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 31, 1949, that he was of the opinion that RUTH and HARRY FISHER were members of the Queens County CP.

T-3, previously mentioned, advised on October 17, 1955, that RUTH and HARRY FISHER were still employed by the Tass News Agency in New York City.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York City reflect that IVAN IVANOVICH BEGLOV, former Chief of the Tass News Agency, in New York City, departed from the United States on May 18, 1955, aboard the "Queen Elizabeth."

#### Military Service

SE ROY HOMESLEY reviewed the subject's Army service record at the Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Records Center, World War II Unit, Department of the Army, St. Louis, Missouri, in August, 1954. This record reflects that subject, BEN RUBIN, Army Serial Number 33-837-353, was inducted into the United States Army on May 10, 1944, and entered on active duty on the same date at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

On July 3, 1944, subject's name was changed in these records to his true name, BARNARD RUBIN. Subject served one year, five months, and five days in Foreign Service in the West Pacific Theatre, and participated in the battles and campaigns of Luzon and New Guinea. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, and the Army of Occupation Medal in Japan.

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His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent, and there is no record of court martial or absences without leave. These records reflect that subject was employed from 1939 to January, 1942 as Secretary of the CP in Reading and Berks County, 11 North Eighth Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, and in this position he prepared and delivered four to six talks per week to closed and invitation meetings, as well as public meetings, and spoke over the radio on a monthly basis.

Subject also held a First Lieutenant rating with the Spanish Loyalist Forces and served as a Morale Line Lieutenant during the year 1938 in the Infantry. He was a member of the International Brigade.

These records reflect that subject was arbitrarily removed from his position with the Tokyo Edition of "Stars and Stripes", and scheduled for transfer to Okinawa for reassignment. There is no clarification of subject's removal contained in his Army record.

Subject's Army record reflects that he attended the City College of New York for three years, has a civilian occupation as Apprentice Automatic Screw Machine Tool Setter, Secretary and News Reporter, and that he was a heavy machine gunner in the United States Army.

On May 15, 1955, WILLIAM HERRICK, 413 Warren Street, Mamaroneck, New York, advised SA DONALD W. STRATTON that he formerly served in the 15th International Brigade in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. He advised that the International Brigade was formed in 1936 by the Communist International.

The International Brigade was made up of individual battalions from various countries and each battalion was headed by a political commissar, who was always a member of the CP. HERRICK advised that the



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International Brigade had three purposes:

- A. To assist the Loyalist Forces in Spain
- B. To assist the CP in Spain
- C. To train CP members in various parts of the world in warfare.

The Communist International Brigade has been cited as the centralized world wide organ of the CP, controlled by Moscow, according to the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report Number 209, dated April 1, 1947, and Report No. 1920, dated May 11, 1948, page 43.

#### Contacts and Activities

T-2, previously mentioned, advised that on July 18, 1955, while subject was working for Tass News Agency, his work schedule was changed at the request of ANATOLI S. SAVELEV, who did not want to work with the subject. SAVELEV's reason for this was that he might be busy and he wanted to have a good teletype operator on duty with him.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service records reflect that ANATOLI SERGEEVICH SAVELEV is a correspondent with Tass News Agency in New York City and that he arrived in the United States on June 29, 1953, aboard Scandanivian Airlines System Flight Number 907, at the Port of New York.

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on December 7, 1954, the subject advised JIRI NOSEK of the Czechoslovakian United Nations Delegation, 6 East 67th Street, New York City, that he wished to confer with NOSEK's wife, MARIE, and wished to arrange an appointment with her for this purpose.

According to the informant, subject had what he considered to be a very nice talk with Mrs. NOSEK at a party at the Czechoslovak United Nations Delegation

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during the previous week. Informant believes that this party, which subject referred to, was a reception given by the Czechoslovak United Nations Delegation on the evening of December 3, 1954. Informant does not know whether or not subject was able to arrange an appointment with Mrs. NOSEK.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that JIRI NOSEK is the former permanent representative of the Czechoslovak United Nations Delegation, 6 East 67th Street, New York City, and that he is presently in the United States as a Czechoslovak delegate to the Tenth Session of the United Nations General Assembly, having arrived in the United States on September 20, 1955, at the port of New York.

The "National Guardian," in an article entitled, "Hiroshima Rallies Everywhere Vow No More Atom Bombs," which appeared in the August 22, 1955, issue of this publication, page four, columns one through four, mentions that the anniversary's drama was caught for the audience in the lament of a Japanese woman for her husband, who was "crying himself to death." The script was written by BARNEY RUBIN.

The "Daily Worker," in its July 11, 1955 issue, page two, column two, stated that Reverend GUY EMERY SHIPLER, Chairman of the newly founded Hiroshima Commemorative Committee, had announced that a public meeting to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the Dropping of the "A" Bomb on Hiroshima would be held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on August 10, 1955.

The "Daily Worker," in its July 28, 1955 issue, column two, page four, announced the objectives of the committee as "no more Hiroshimas;" "put the Atom to work for peace and health;" "control of test nuclear explosions east and west by agreement."

The "Daily Worker" and its Sunday edition "The Worker," gave considerable publicity to the

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Hiroshima Committee and the meeting sponsored at Carnegie Hall, between July 11, 1955 and August 12, 1955.

T-5, previously mentioned, advised on June 26, 1950, that he had been officially advised by JACK STACHEL, CP functionary, that the Reverend GUY SHIPLER was a member of the CP and under Communist discipline.

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming a national circulation, which was found to be from its inception, notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content. (1949 Report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394).

The masthead of the "National Guardian" issue of May 9, 1955, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated, 17 Murray Street, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker".

The CP has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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T-1 [redacted]	Subject's Blue Cross Hospital Certificate 5-211316W issued under Tass News Agency Policy #14220P.	3/14/55	SA VINCENT F. CLANCY	100-48274 Ser. 197
T-2 [redacted]	4/18/55; 4/12, 16, 17; 6/6; 7/18; 8/29; 9/6; 10/4/55	4/18/55; 4/12, 16, 17; 6/6; 7/18; 8/29; 9/6; 10/4/ 55		
T-3 Stationary Lookout, vicinity Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC	Subject last observed at Tass News Agency 4/20/55	4/20/55	SAS GEORGE A. DIMLER, THOMAS W. MC GUIRE	100-60713B
"	Subject observed at Tass News Agency 7/18/55	7/18/55	SA ROBERT P. MURPHY	"
"	Subject last ob- served at Tass News Agency, 9/9/55	9/9/55	SA ARTHUR H. SEIDEL	"

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T-3 (cont'd)	RUTH and HARRY FISHER observed at Tass News Agency 10/17/55	10/17/55	SA ARTHUR H. SEIDEL	100-60713B
T-4 FOIA b 7 D	Checks issued to subject between October, 1953 and 4/25/55, drawn on Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC Tass News Agency account, Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC	8/3; 9/1; 10/1; 11/2; 12/1/53; 1/4; 2/1; 3/1; 4/1/54	SA LOUIS M. LUEDERS	100-607131B
"	"	5/3; 6/1; 7/2; 8/2; 9/2; 10/1/54	SA MARTIN J. MC GUINN	"
"	"	11/1/54	SA ARNOLD E. BRANDT	"
"	"	12/1/54; 1/3; 2/1; 3/1; 4/1; 5/2/55	SA MARTIN J. MC GUINN	"

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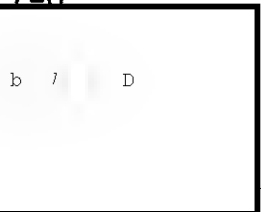
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T-4 (cont'd.) FOIA b 7 D [Redacted] Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC	Checks issued to subject from Tass News Agency account Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, on 7/8/55 and 7/25/55.	8/1/55	SA MARTIN J. MC GUINN	100-607131B
"	Checks issued to subject from Tass News Agency account Chase Manhattan Bank, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, on 9/9 and 13/55.	10/3/55	SA MARTIN J. MC GUINN	"
T-5 [Redacted]	Resignation from CP of PAUL BURNS and continued membership there- after	6/21/50	SA WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY, JR.	66-6709-C
"	Reverend GUY SHIPLER'S member- ship in the CP	6/26/50	"	"

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T-6 	CP membership of RUTH and HARRY FISHER	3/31/49	SA WILLIAM P. DIX	100-81891 Ser. 18
	12/7/54	12/7/54		

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

MISCELLANEOUS

The pretext telephone call to Tass News Agency on 10/10/55, was made by SA SIMON TULLAI, who represented himself in a broken accent as a person whom subject had contacted concerning employment.

NYO indices do not contain any reference to a BERNARD DIDDLE.

NYO indices contain one reference to "The Spectrum" magazine, which reflects that on 11/6/53, one J. STEINLER called the NYO and represented himself as a feature writer for this magazine. He described this as a medical magazine and said that he was interested in obtaining some information for an article he intended to write for this magazine. NYO indices do not contain any information which would serve to identify this magazine.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will endeavor to further identify "The Spectrum".
2. Will conduct investigation to establish subject's present employment.

REFERENCE

Summary report of SA ROBERT E. MC KELVIE,  
8/17/54, New York.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : KARL ROBERT BUCKMAN, SA

SUBJECT: **BERNARD RUBIN** ✓  
*SM-C*

DATE: 8/8/55

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*100-13964*  
*100-100412*

On 5/26/55 and 6/1/55, Sergeant GEORGE CRAIG, BOA, NY State Police, Albany, NY, made available to SA CHARLES F. URLIV for photographing, a large amount of ALBERT E. KAHN'S correspondence. CRAIG obtained the material from the NY State Department of Insurance after that department took over the property and equipment of the International Workers Order. This material was in KAHN'S personal files at the IWO.

Albany has instructed that when reporting this information, Sergeant CRAIG be concealed by a T symbol, and he should be described as a person who has furnished reliable information in the past.

The originals of the material will be kept on file in the office of the NY State Police in Albany. The microfilm and photos made from the microfilm are located in NY file 100-10017-1B40. A photostat of material pertaining to above captioned subject is attached.

Regarding ALBERT E. KAHN, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY furnished a signed statement on 11/30/45 in which she advised that KAHN was a contact of JACOB GOLOS, head of a USSR espionage ring in the US. She said KAHN had supplied GOLOS with information from January, 1942 to the Spring of 1943. BENTLEY advised she could not of her own knowledge say KAHN knew GOLOS was engaged in espionage or that he knew the eventual disposition GOLOS made of the information.

ALBERT E. KAHN is described as a "New York State Communist Party Leader" on page 451 of the 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities.

"Fraternal Outlook", a publication of the IWO, in its issue of August - September, 1944, on page 9, stated that KAHN was elected President of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order of the IWO on 6/7/44.

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*cc Hamble Hamble 8/8/55*

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On 11/17/53, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that IANN was still President of the JIPO of the IWO. (Both organizations cited by the Attorney General).

Clearing Road  
Croton-Hudson, N.Y.

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February 23, 1947

Mr. Bernard Rubin  
Daily Worker  
36 East 12th Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Barney,

Here's another item that may be of use.

The anti-Semitic and fifth column movement which continues to operate within Poland against the government is directed and financed chiefly by the fascist "government-in-exile." Italy is the main jumping-off place for fascist Polish secret agents, terrorists, spies and saboteurs. These agents, who are regularly flown into Poland to supervise fifth column operations there, are members of General Anders' Army and are working under his supervision. More significant are the following facts: the expenses of General Anders' Army in Italy are paid by the British treasury; Anders' Army itself is under the direction of the British High Command; and a number of the fascist agents who have been caught in Poland have been found to be carrying British Intelligence identification papers. In other words, the British so-called Labor Government is responsible not only for shooting Jews in Palestine, but is also deliberately helping to promote pogroms in Poland.

I'm sorry I was snowed in the other afternoon when I was supposed to come into town and give you a call. If it's ok with you I'll call you some time next week.

Best regards,

P.S. Since Carlson continues to be featured as the white-haired boy of the anti-fascist movement, and since the Friends of Democracy (for which he is now chief investigator) has just published a chart on "How to spot a communist," I think this might be the time to run an

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item something like the following:

Jewish organizations which are featuring John Roy Carlson as a speaker, because they believe he is an anti-fascist and sincere fighter against anti-Semitism, should read the expose of him in the current issue of Jewish Life. In this expose they will find facts which indicate that Carlson himself is not exactly free from anti-Semitism.

I know that you already ran one item on my article, but I think it is important to keep after this guy, particularly in connection with his anti-Semitic proclivities.

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New York office:  
246 West 25th Street, 1-K  
New York 1, N. Y.  
Pennsylvania 6-8691

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-44503)

FROM: SA JOHN S. TEMPLE

SUBJECT: ELMER ALAN BERNSTEIN  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM

DATE: 10/28/55

On October 6, 1955, ELMER ALAN BERNSTEIN, a self-employed free-lance music composer and conductor, who resides at 11747 Canton Place, Studio City, California, was interviewed by SAs HARVEY G. BERKEY and JOHN S. TEMPLE. The interview took place in the vicinity of the 11000 block, Canton Place, Studio City, California.

BERNSTEIN, throughout the course of the interview which ensued, was extremely cordial to the interviewing agents. He spoke highly of the FBI and of the methods used by the Bureau in its investigation of subversive activities in the United States. He was critical of similar type investigations being conducted by Government committees and hearing boards. He declared his personal thoughts concerning ones loyalty to ones country and friends, particularly insofar as Communism was concerned, have undergone considerable change in the past few years. He stated two or three years ago he would not have been receptive to an interview by agents of the FBI but today he welcomed the opportunity to discuss his past activities insofar as Communism was concerned.

JST/pms

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cc: [REDACTED]

100-23246 (SAKI DURAN - CI)

NEW YORK:

(100-102042 - E. BERNSTEIN)

(WINGDALE LODGE, INC.)

(DAVE GOLDNER)

(MARTEL)

(LEE NEMETZ)

(ALFRED SAXE)

(PEOPLE'S DRAMA)

(BARNARD RUBIN)

(HARVEY MATUSOW)

(PETER SEEGER)

(PEOPLE'S SONGS)

(BETTY ANCONA)

(ROBERT DE CORMIER)

100-8887 (SIDNEY BUCHMAN - CI)

100-30940 (LEE BARRIE - CI)

100-24883 (JOAN LA COUR - SI)

100-26190 (JERRY FIELDING - CI)

100-19389 (PAUL JARRICO - SI)

100-27783 (JOSEPH EGER - SI)

This has been read by J. T.

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BERNSTEIN, before being asked any specific questions concerning his background and/or Communist activities, was advised that this Bureau had no interest whatsoever in labor-management relationships and this fact was being brought to his attention in view of his current membership in the American Federation of Musicians.

BERNSTEIN furnished the following information concerning himself:

He stated he was born April 4, 1922, in the Bronx, New York, the son of EDWARD BERNSTEIN and SELMA BERNSTEIN. He was raised in a sheltered family of above average financial means. He received a music background and later became a pianist of some reputation. He attended college at New York University and at the age of 17 (1939) joined the American Student Union. He stated because of his musical background he associated with a group of "intellectuals" and others interested in the theater. He advised he was afforded an opportunity to learn about and discuss numerous political ideologies, many of which were extremely progressive.

In 1942 he met a fellow student, whose name he could no longer recall, who advised him a position as Music Director was available at Camp Unity, Wingdale, New York. Accordingly, the thought of working in a camp such as Camp Unity was appealing to him. He declared he was under considerable pressure to attend Communist functions but emphatically stated he did not attend such affairs.

BERNSTEIN was employed by Camp Unity in 1942 and in view of his position as Music Director attended many staff meetings of the camp. He found the camp encouraged an interracial concept of living. He never received the impression the camp was operated by Communists and noted the subject Communism was never discussed at the meetings. However, Communist literature such as the "Daily Worker", "Masses and Mainstream", and "Political Affairs" was sold and distributed freely within the camp.

BERNSTEIN reiterated that because of his musical background he became associated with numerous intellectuals, many of whom he had reason to believe were Communists. However, he did not have proof of their Party membership inasmuch as he, himself, was never a member of the CP.

BERNSTEIN enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1942 and for the four years following was assigned to a radio unit, New York City, and to the Captain GLENN MILLER unit at Yale University. He was discharged from the U. S. Army in 1946 by reason of dependency. Further, in the same year he secured a divorce from RHODA BERNSTEIN. The marriage breakup did not have political implications, according to BERNSTEIN.

In May, 1946, BERNSTEIN returned to Camp Unity where again he was assigned to the position of Musical Director. There was no pressure on him to join the CP and he devoted himself completely to musical endeavors. He recalled working on a musical with BOB ADLER in 1946. He was unable to state whether or not ADLER was a Communist, however. He named DAVE GOLDNER as a self-admitted member of the Party who served the CP as a division head. He also recalled one \_\_\_\_\_ MARTEL to be a CP theoretician.

BERNSTEIN noted there was no doubt that he was considered by many as being a CP member stating this was because of his association with and acceptance by many known Communists.

BERNSTEIN became associated with People's Drama which he stated was constituted under the laws of the State of New York. The organization was composed of many kinds of people most of whom were interested in the drama. BERNSTEIN named LEE NEMETZ as the Executive Director of the People's Drama. He also recalled a writer whose first name was GENE and a director by the name of ALFRED SAXE.

BERNSTEIN stated the membership of People's Drama was very fluid. Many known members of the CP were in attendance at People's Drama functions. BERNSTEIN recalled in particular one BARNARD RUBIN, a writer for the "Daily Worker", who, though not a member of People's Drama, was frequently seen at functions of the organization and seemed to have entree to members of the group.

BERNSTEIN was of the opinion People's Drama was heavily infiltrated by CP members. He recalled he did not actually work on a show for People's Drama entitled "John Brown". However, he did recall preparing a tape recording containing a musical score for the show in 1949 which he understood was subsequently utilized by the organization for the show which was eventually "John Brown". In the summer of 1950 Camp Unity requested



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BERNSTEIN's assistance in the production of a musical show. However, he refused to work on the show and thereafter left the organization.

In 1951 he and his wife, PEARL BERNSTEIN, vacationed at Schroon Crest in the Adirondacks, New York. At this time a folk singer, whose name he has since forgotten, told them of a vacation spot in New Mexico known as the San Cristobal Ranch, Taos, New Mexico. BERNSTEIN stated he and his wife, while en route to California in 1951, spent one day and one night at the San Cristobal Ranch, Taos, New Mexico. He also recalled seeing HARVEY MATUSOW in Taos, New Mexico, and noted MATUSOW was not staying at the ranch insofar as he knew. BERNSTEIN declared he had previously known MATUSOW at Camp Unity, New York. Further, that he found MATUSOW to be a "blowhard" who always appeared to be recruiting for the CP. Further, that MATUSOW boasted of winning a CP contest as a result of his recruiting ability. BERNSTEIN stated MATUSOW was able, glib, made friends badly, and disliked by many. In Taos, New Mexico, MATUSOW told him he was disgusted with New York and consequently loaded his station wagon with his Communist library and headed west. BERNSTEIN stated he has not seen MATUSOW since their chance meeting at Taos, New Mexico, in 1951.

BERNSTEIN recalled meeting JENNIE WELLS, a folk singer, and her husband, CRAIG VINCENT, who owned and operated San Cristobal Ranch. BERNSTEIN declared he understood CRAIG VINCENT was at one time associated with the Progressive Party in the State of Colorado.

BERNSTEIN declared since his arrival in the Los Angeles area he has had no association with any group which might be considered subversive. He recalled attending but one mass convention which was sponsored by the Hollywood Arts, Sciences, and Professions Council at Stanley Hall, 1024 $\frac{1}{2}$  Stanley Drive, Los Angeles, in 1951. He attended the convention at the request of a doctor friend whose name he preferred to conceal. Further, while Director of the Los Angeles Community Symphony Orchestra, he refused to allow the orchestra to appear at any function which could later be criticized or was known as a subversive organization. He cited as an example his refusal to have the orchestra appear at a function under the sponsorship of the First Unitarian Church, Los Angeles, sometime in 1954.

BERNSTEIN declared he has not been approached by anyone

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of his acquaintance in the Los Angeles area requesting him to join or affiliate himself with the CP or CP front organizations. He stated, however, he continues to receive the "National Guardian" and the "Pacific Coast Youth Recorder", a publication of the Labor Youth League, but he has no idea just who is responsible for sending these publications to his residence.

During a discussion of individuals whom BERNSTEIN knew in the Los Angeles area who might possibly be affiliated with Communist activities, BERNSTEIN made the following observations:

He stated he and his wife, PEARL BERNSTEIN, were briefly acquainted with SIDNEY BUCHMAN, a producer of motion pictures. He was acquainted with BUCHMAN solely on a professional basis. He recalled he and his wife speculated as to whether or not he would invoke the 5th Amendment when he appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities which held hearings in Los Angeles in 1952.

BERNSTEIN was asked whether or not he was ever acquainted with SAKI DURAN, LEE BARRIE, or JOAN LA COUR. He stated he met them only socially and noted at one time they resided at 647 North Crescent Heights, Beverly Hills, California, which was also his address for a period of time. He declared he knew LEE BARRIE because she was the owner of the establishment at 647 North Crescent Heights, Beverly Hills, California. He declared he knew these latter individuals only socially and had no information whatsoever regarding their political beliefs. He recalled another of his acquaintances who refused to testify by invoking the 5th Amendment before the HCUA was JERRY FIELDING. He stated his association with FIELDING was merely on a professional basis and he had never engaged in a political discussion with him whatsoever.

He recalled meeting PAUL JARRICO, a free-lance motion picture writer, at the San Cristobal Ranch in Taos, New Mexico, in 1951. At this time he recalled making a disparaging remark about the artistic talent in Hollywood, California. He stated JARRICO at this time advised that he would be amazed at the quality and quantity of high grade artistic talent in Hollywood, California, and that he would be compelled to change his ideas along these lines.

BERNSTEIN was asked whether or not he knew anything whatsoever of a JOSEPH EGER. He stated JOSEPH EGER was known to him as a musician and active in the Musicians Union who,

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several years ago, attempted to enlist his support in a then inter-union struggle concerning the admission of a Negro musicians local. BERNSTEIN noted he advised EGER that he had no interest whatsoever in union politics and consequently did not participate on either side in this regard.

BERNSTEIN declared he was never issued a CP book nor did he pay any dues to the CP. He admitted giving numerous donations to various causes not officially connected with the CP but which he knew the CP had an interest.

He recalled being asked to become a member of the Executive Board of People's Songs but he never joined this organization. He was acquainted with PETER SEEGER who played a prominent role in People's Songs. He recalled being pressured to join the Progressive Party in New York City but he never joined this organization. He stated he was sympathetic to many of the aims and policies of the Progressive Party, People's Drama, and People's Songs, however. He stated he was a member of the American Labor Party in New York but did not necessarily vote the suggested American Labor Party ticket.

BERNSTEIN recalled an acquaintanceship with BETTY ANACONA, the divorced wife of ROBERT DE CORMIER. He stated he suspected her of being a Communist and believed her husband, ROBERT DE CORMIER, to be a Communist as well. BETTY ANACONA was, in his opinion, a neurotic and completely unreliable. He stated she advised him on one occasion that she had been approached by the FBI for information concerning him.

BERNSTEIN advised that although he never had bitter experiences with the CP or individuals whom he suspected of being CP members, he would never join the CP, particularly at this time, inasmuch as he is ideologically opposed to the CP and all it stands for.

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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

William Douglass Mc Adams Advertising Agency, Medical Press as

writer for "The Spectator" since 9/15/55, 130 East 59th Street, N.Y., N.Y.

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TRANSMIT TO New York OFFICE

TO : Director, FBI (100-40033)

DATE: 11-18-55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-48274)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was.  
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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE:

*Barnard Rubin, was 100-48274-230*

Office File *100-48274*

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The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: *apt 20, 807 Riverside Dr., N.Y., N.Y.*

Employment: *unlabeled*

Address:

Key Facility (Yes\_\_\_) (No L) Detcom (Yes\_\_\_) (No L) Comsab (Yes\_\_\_) (No L)  
Security Flash (Yes\_\_\_) (No L) Photo (Yes L) (No\_\_\_)

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

Employment: *William Douglas McAdams advertising agency, Medical Press as writer for "The Spectator" since 9/15/55.*  
Address: *130 East 59th ST., N.Y. N.Y.*

Key Facility: (Yes\_\_\_) (No\_\_\_) Geographical Reference Number:  
Tab Detcom and Comsab: (Yes\_\_\_) (No\_\_\_)  
Method of Verification:

Employment Source: *Put in telephone interview of Mrs Cohen, acct Dept*  
Date: *11-14-55*  
Verified by: *SA Edward F. Gamber*

Residence: *apt 4B- 807 Riverside Drive, N.Y. N.Y.*  
Method of Verification: *interview* Assigned by: *E. Fairbrother*

Neighborhood Source: *FOIA(b)(7) (D)* Date: *10-18-55*  
Date: *10-10-55* *807 Riverside Drive, N.Y., N.Y.*  
Verified By: *SA Edward F. Gamber*

FD 122 should be submitted to Bureau: (Yes L) (No\_\_\_)

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TO : SAC, New York (100-48274)

DATE: November 29, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (100-40033)

SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN, was  
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Reurlet (FD-122) 11-18-55, which reflects that the subject is now writing for a medical magazine called "The Spectrum." The report of SA Edward F. Gamber dated 10-28-55 at New York reflects the name of the magazine for which the subject is writing as "The Spectrum." Since it appears that "The Spectrum" is the correct name, the Bureau copies of your FD-122 dated 11-18-55 have been changed to reflect the name of this magazine as "The Spectrum." Your copy should be similarly changed. If this change should not be made, advise the Bureau by return letter.

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BARNARD RUBIN, was.  
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Enclosed herewith are the original and ~~three~~ copies of a report of SA EDWARD F. GAMBER entitled and dated as above.

The character of this case has been changed from IS-R to SM-C in view of the fact that subject has not been employed by the Tass News Agency in NYC since September 15, 1955, and his employment with that agency was the basis for the IS-R classification. Investigation has failed to reflect any recent contact by subject with the Soviets. All future investigation in this matter will be reported under an SM-C classification in the event that no information reflecting contact on the part of the subject with Soviets is developed.

With regard to information attributed to T-2 in enclosed report, Bureau attention is called to the fact that this office did not set forth the items which ALBERT E. KAHN included in his letter to subject. These items were omitted as they do not appear to lend anything to instant investigation as they were authored by KAHN rather than RUBIN. These items are hereinafter set forth for the information of the Bureau.

*EX-100*  
"The anti-Semitic and fifth column movement which continues to operate within Poland against the government is directed and financed chiefly by the fascist 'Government-in-exile.' Italy is the main jumping-off place for fascist Polish secret agents, terrorists, spies and saboteurs. These agents, who are regularly flown into Poland to supervise fifth column operations there, are members of General Anders' Army and are working under his supervision. More significant are the following facts: the expenses of General Anders' Army in Italy are paid by the British treasury; Anders' Army itself is under the direction of the British High Command; and a number of the fascist agents who have been caught in Poland have been found to be carrying British Intelligence identification papers. In other words, the British so-called Labor Government is responsible not only for shooting Jews in Palestine, but is also deliberately helping to promote pogroms in Poland."

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"Jewish organizations which are featuring John Roy Carlson as a speaker, because they believe he is an anti-fascist and sincere fighter against anti-Semitism, should read the expose of him in the current issue of Jewish Life. In this expose they will find facts which indicate that Carlson himself is not exactly free from anti-Semitism."

This case is being closed in the NYO inasmuch as instant report reflects all current unreported activities of subject as well as his residence and employment. However, this case will be reopened should any information come to the attention of this office concerning subject's activities which warrants such action.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>1/31/56</b>	Investigative Period <b>11/7,10,14;12/13,21/55; 1/11,16,18,19/56</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>BARNARD RUBIN, was.</b>		Report made by <b>EDWARD F. GAMBER</b>	Typed By: <b>dn</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

Synopsis:

Subject employed by Medical Press Division, William Douglas Mc Adams Medical Advertising Agency, 130 East 59th Street, NYC, since 9/15/55, as a writer for the "Pfizer Spectrum." Subject continues to reside 807 Riverside Drive, NYC. ALBERT KAHN, President of JPFO, IWO, addressed letter to subject at the "Daily Worker" on 2/28/47. Subject frequently seen at functions of People's Drama, Inc. in late 1940's. List of guests at "Bill of Rights" dinner, 12/15/54, sponsored by Emergency Civil Liberties Committee includes name of BEN RUBIN and PEARL RUBIN.

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DETAILS:

On September 6, 1955, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that subject had an interview for a new job. According to informant, this job called for a salary of sixty-five hundred dollars a year but subject had asked for a starting salary of seventy-five hundred dollars a year and was of the opinion that the salary might be raised to seven thousand dollars a year. Informant was of the

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opinion that after four months or so, subject's prospective employers might decide to have him do some work in Montreal or Chicago.

On October 4, 1955, informant advised that subject apparently had a position with "The Spectrum."

The records of the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, New York City, do not reflect any information concerning a publication by the name of "The Spectrum." However, these records do reflect information concerning the "Pfizer Spectrum" which is prepared by the Medical Department of the Pfizer Laboratories, 630 Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The "Pfizer Spectrum" is included as a part of the "Journal of the American Medical Association." An examination of the October 29, 1955 issue of the "Journal of the American Medical Association" substantiated this fact.

A telephone call to the Medical Department, Pfizer Laboratories, 630 Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, New York (telephone EV 8-3800) on November 10, 1955, under suitable pretext, established that subject does write for the "Pfizer Spectrum" but that he is employed by the Medical Press Division of the William Douglas Mc Adams Medical Advertising Agency, 130 East 59th Street, New York City.

A telephone call to the Accounting Department, Medical Press Division, William Douglas Mc Adams Medical Advertising Agency, 130 East 59th Street (telephone number PL 9-6300) on November 14, 1955, under suitable pretext, established that subject has been employed by that firm since September 15, 1955, as a writer for the "Pfizer Spectrum" at a salary of seventy-five hundred dollars per year. The records of this concern reflect subject's address as 807 Riverside Drive, New York City.

In view of the fact that T-1, previously mentioned, advised that after four months or so subject's prospective employers might decide to have him do some work in Montreal or Chicago, another telephone call was made to the Medical

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Press Division of the William Douglas Mc Adams Medical Advertising Agency, under suitable pretext, on January 19, 1956. It was established that the subject continues his employment with this firm in New York City and that the records of this firm continue to reflect subject's address as 807 Riverside Drive, New York City. However, on this occasion subject's salary was furnished as seven thousand dollars per year.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 26, 1955, and June 1, 1955, that ALBERT E. KAHN addressed a letter to subject at the "Daily Worker", 35 East 12th Street, New York City, under the date of February 28, 1947. In this letter KAHN apologized to RUBIN for not having called him during the previous week and included two items which he considered to be of possible interest to RUBIN. Informant advised that the items included in this letter appear to be suggested for publication in the "Daily Worker" although this was not so stated in the letter and the informant does not know whether these articles were ever published in the "Daily Worker."

"Fraternal Outlook", a publication of the International Workers Order, in its issue of August-September, 1944, page nine, stated that ALBERT E. KAHN was elected President of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order of the International Workers Order (IWO) on June 7, 1944.

On November 17, 1953, T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that KAHN was described at an IWO meeting in November, 1953, as President of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order (JPFO) of the IWO.

The JPFO and the IWO have both been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On October 6, 1955, ELMER ALAN BERNSTEIN, a self-employed free-lance music composer and conductor,

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who resides at 11747 Canton Place, Studio City, California, was interviewed by SAS HARVEY G. BERKEY and JOHN S. TEMPLE. BERNSTEIN advised that he became associated with People's Drama, Inc. in the late 1940's, and that many known members of the Communist Party were in attendance at People's Drama functions. BERNSTEIN recalled in particular BARNARD RUBIN, a writer for the "Daily Worker" who, though not a member of People's Drama, Inc., was frequently seen at functions of this organization in New York and seemed to have an entree to members of the group.

People's Drama, Inc. has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-4, who was in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on December 16, 1954, that a list of guests attending the "Bill of Rights" dinner sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee at the Crystal Room of the Great Northern Hotel, 118 West 57th Street, New York City, on December 15, 1954, included the names of BEN RUBIN and PEARL RUBIN.

It is noted that subject has used the name of BEN RUBIN and that subject's wife's name is PEARL.

The "Daily Worker", an east-coast Communist daily newspaper, issue of October 8, 1951, page one, columns four and five, in an article entitled "One Hundred and Fifty Notables Form Emergency Civil Rights Committee," reflected that the formation of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee had been announced on October 7, 1951. It was shown that the purposes of the organization would be to help mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of abridgement of these liberties in politics, education, and the professions. The founders, according to the article, included more than fifty members of the clergy and many educators and professionals.

Writing in "Political Affairs," issue of August, 1954, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, convicted Communist Party

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functionary, referred to the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee as one of the "forces carrying on the defense of the Bill of Rights today."

Concerning "Political Affairs," FLYNN testifying in the case "United States vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, et al" on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the Communist Party since the publications beginning in 1945.

The address of the Committee is 421 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was one of the Communist Party leaders indicted June 20, 1951, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On January 21, 1953, she was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for the above violation and was sentenced on February 3, 1953, by Federal Judge EDWARD J. DIMOCK to three years in the Federal Penitentiary and fined six thousand dollars. After denial of appeal by the United States District Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court, her bail was revoked and she was remanded to jail on January 11, 1955. She is presently incarcerated at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia.

The Communist Party has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following description of the subject was obtained from background record checks and by observation:

Name	BARNARD RUBIN
Aliases	BARNEY RUBIN, LEE NEWTON, BEN RUBEN, BEN RUBIN
Age	39
Born	April 7, 1915, Brooklyn, New York
Residence	807 Riverside Drive, New York City, Apartment 4A.
Height	5'5"
Weight	186 pounds

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Build	Stocky
Hair	Black
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Employee of Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City
Marital Status	Married, wife - PEARL RUBIN, nee: PEARL MILLER
Immediate Relatives	Child: PHYLLIS YOUNG RUBIN, born [REDACTED] FOIA b 6 Father: JACOB RUBIN, born in Russia; Mother: ANNA LEVY RUBIN, born in Russia; Brother: SAUL RUBIN
Arrest Record	Subject arrested at Berks County, Pennsylvania, August 28, 1940, on charges of Perjury and violation of Election Code. Subject found guilty in December, 1940 session Berks County Criminal Court on above two charges. On July 2, 1941, subject sentenced to one year on one charge of Perjury but Election Code violation dis- missed. Verdict: Sustained by Superior Court of Pennsylvania and appealed to Supreme Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, where indictment was dismissed in June, 1953.

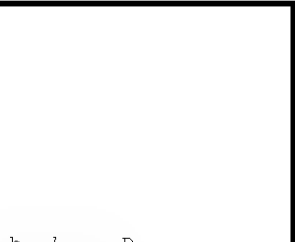
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	Correspondence from ALBERT E. KAHN to subject dated 2/28/47.	5/26/55, 6/1/55	SA CHARLES F. HURLEY	NY 100-10017-1B40

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Great Northern  
Hotel, 118 West  
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Name of BEN RUBIN 12/16/54  
and PEARL RUBIN  
appeared on guest  
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Rights" dinner  
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Emergency Civil  
Liberties Committee.

SA ROBERT MUR- NY 100-107419-  
PHY and SA THOMAS 271.  
POWERS.

Careful consideration has been given to each  
source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report  
only in those instances where the identities of these  
sources must be concealed.

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This case has been re-evaluated in the light  
of Security Index criteria and it has been determined that  
subject should be maintained on the Security Index.

Information in this report has been compared  
with information appearing on subject's Security Index  
card and no discrepancies were noted.

The pretext telephone call to the Medical  
Department, Pfizer Laboratories, 630 Flushing Avenue,  
Brooklyn, New York, on November 10, 1955, was made by  
SA EDWARD F. GAMBER who did not find it necessary to identify  
himself.

The pretext telephone call to the Accounting  
Department, Medical Press Division, William Douglas  
Mc Adams Medical Advertising Agency, 130 East 59th  
Street, New York City, on November 14, 1955, was made

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by SA EDWARD F. GAMBER who represented himself as being with the Credit Department, R.H. Macy Department Store in New York City, in a conversation with a Mrs. COHEN.

The pretext telephone call to the William Douglas Mc Adams Medical Advertising Agency on January 19, 1956, was made by SA CHARLES F. FULKS who represented himself as being with the Credit Department of Saks Fifth Avenue Department Store, in New York City, in a conversation with a Mrs. COHEN.

REFERENCE

Report of SA EDWARD F. GAMBER dated 10/28/55 at NY.

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Date 11-14-55SUBJECT BARNARD RUBINALIASES BARNEY RUBIN, LEE NEWTON, BEN RUBEN, BEN RUBINADDRESS 807 Riverside Drive N.Y.C.DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH 4-7-1915, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Bd. of Directors

New Playwrights, Inc.

347 E. 72 St. N.Y.

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-1A7

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60 - 99339 -40

Member of Bd. of New Playwrights

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100-99339-29

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Wife of Ben Playwrights

author of "Caddy Street"

clerk of The Worker 11/8/50

100-119342-29\* (Mrs) N.I.

Wife of Lydia Jean Washburn

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alias of Abraham Barney Rubin

100-2545-1A356 p5

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100-2545-973 p31

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100-47315

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87-4226-5 \*

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100-119342-5\* (Mrs)

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alias Lydia Jean Hulse

97-169-1A979 p 358

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1348 - Ocean Ave. Apt 4 L. Rte.

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100-2936-1A612-30

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-1A666-4

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2 - 450 - 3 NI  
100 - 2545 - 603 p20 I  
87 - 2989 - 200 p9 NI  
100 - 2545 - 676 p25 I  
100 - 2426 - 1A612 p24 NI  
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12-56 Jan Rockaway Blvd.

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65 - 7471 - 2525

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100-105699-4094 p7

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100-3642-2578

1152 Third Ave. N.Y.C.

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100-4931-2397

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87-3263-2

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Sutter Ave &amp; Berkeley St

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100 - 2545 - 1A 237 p 39 Name not included - erroneous indy.

100 - 2916 - 9 p 63

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100 - 2545 - 1A 37 p 1 (4941)

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102 - 1 - 236 p 17

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100 - 2936 - 1A 612

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100 - 2545 - 1A 62 (1939)

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 "Worker or "Dev"

58-486-57 p6

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1105 Park Ave. N.Y.

65-8618-554 p79

NI

67-2554-69-666376

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100 - 2936 - 1A612

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Lee Newton

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Alvin Bernard Rubin

100-75397-1B1

Edgar, Mont.

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

Main File No: 100-40033

Date: 2/9/56

Subject: Barnard Rubin

Date Searched: 11/15/54

Found As: Barnard Rubin  
Benjamin Rubin  
Ben Rubin  
Bernard Rubin

Barney Rubin

Also Searched As: No further search made.

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. No attempt has been made to exhaust all possibilities as to the names and aliases by which the subject may have been known. All references under the above names containing data identical or possibly identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed. The term "SI" preceding a serial number shown in the block indicates that the serial so designated contains the same information as the foregoing serial. However it should be realized that the information in these serials may differ somewhat in detail although the facts are basically the same.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**Name:** Benjamin Rubin, Ben Rubin, Barnard Rubin, Barney Rubin, Lee Newton\*, Ben Ruben\*, Bernard Rubin, Ben Rupin\*, Benjamin R. Rubin\*, Bernie Rubin\*, B. Rubin\*, Ben Reuben\*, Ben R. Rubin\*

**Born:** 4/7/15 in Brooklyn, N.Y.; 4/7/12, NYC; 12/5/11, NYC.

**Height:** 5' 6"

**Weight:** 170 lbs

**Hair:** Dark

**Eyes:** Black

**Relatives:** Father - Jacob Rubin, born in Russia  
Mother - Anna Levine (Levy) Rubin, born in Russia  
Brother - Saul Rubin, born 2/8/21  
Sister - Leah Rubin Leopold  
Daughter - Phyllis Young Rubin, born FOIA(b)(6)

**Marital Status:** Divorced from Emma Rothenbaum Rubin  
Was married to Lydia Jean Hillis (reportedly in 1943)  
Marriage annulled 10/10/44  
Married Pearl Miller Rubin on 9/21/46

**Peculiarities:** Wears a mustache

**Army Serial:** #33837353

**Social Security:** #196-12-5859

**Carried on the NY Security Index:** COMSAB

**Education:** 4 years De Witt Clinton High School, NY State  
2 years City College, NY City  
1 year St. John's University, NY City

**Inducted into Army** 5/10/44; **discharged** 5/26/46

\* Names not searched:

7/12/12 100-482,74-235

*BIOGRAPHICAL DATA cont.*

*Employment:*

<i>Prior to 1937</i>	<i>Free-lance writer and helper in Mob's cafeteria (no location)</i>
<i>1937-1938</i>	<i>West Bronx Peoples Book Shop, NY City</i>
<i>1938-1940</i>	<i>Reporter for American Free Press, Philadelphia</i>
<i>1940-1941</i>	<i>Mohn Hat Factory, Reading, Pa.</i>
<i>1941-1942</i>	<i>Laborer - floorman, Beryllium Corp., Temple, Pa.</i>
<i>April, 1942 to Aug. 1942</i>	<i>Scovill Mfg. Co., Waterbury, Conn.</i>
<i>Aug. 1942 to Feb. 1943</i>	<i>Feinstein Stationery Store, NYC</i>
<i>1943-1945</i>	<i>Scovill Mfg. Co., Waterbury, Conn.</i>
<i>1946-1947</i>	<i>Columnist for "Stars and Stripes"</i>
<i>1947-1950</i>	<i>Columnist for "DW"</i>
<i>1950-1953</i>	<i>Director of New Playwrights, Inc., NYC</i>
<i>1954</i>	<i>Tass News Agency, NYC</i>
<i>In 1940 Rubin ran for Congressman on CP ticket</i>	

*Residences:*

<i>1940</i>	<i>525 Greenwich St., Reading, Pa.</i>
<i>1940-1941</i>	<i>420 Woodward St., Reading, Pa.</i>
<i>1941</i>	<i>174 Willow Street, Waterbury, Conn.</i>
<i>1941-1942</i>	<i>126 S. 9th St., Reading, Pa.</i>
<i>No date</i>	<i>614 N. Third St., Reading, Pa.</i>
<i>1942</i>	<i>247 S. Main St., Waterbury, Conn.</i>
<i>1942</i>	<i>122 Cook Street, Waterbury, Conn.</i>

*BIOGRAPHICAL DATA cont.*

*Residences cont.*

1942	197 Willow St., Waterbury, Conn.
1943	195 Columbia St., Waterbury, Conn.
1943	51 Thompson St., Waterbury, Conn.
1948-1950	1152 Third Ave., NY City
1950	807 Riverside Drive, NY City, Apt. 4B

*Foreign travel:*

1937	France
1937	Spain

*Arrests:*

8/28/40 in Reading on perjury charge. Found guilty.

Dec. 1940 on 2 counts of perjury and one count of violation of the election laws. Election law violation sentence was suspended; sentenced to two years on the other counts.

*Organizational Affiliations:*

NAACP  
CP  
YMCA, Waterbury, Conn.  
Labors Non-partisan League, NY City  
Workers Alliance, Reading  
Co-Chairman of CP Labor Committee, Waterbury, Conn.  
Member of Abraham Lincoln Brigade

*Organizational Affiliations cont.*

*National Federation for Constitutional Liberties  
National Farmers Union  
Conference of Social and Labor Legislation  
Veterans Committee for Democracy in Japan  
Japanese American Committee for Democracy  
Freedom of the Press, Inc.  
CRC  
NY Committee to Win the Peace*

*ABBREVIATIONS*

*IUMSW - International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers*  
*NAACP - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People*  
*YCL - Young Communist League*

The names Bernard Rubin and Benjamin Rubin, Corporal on "Stars and Stripes in World War II appeared on a list of persons who had served in the Loyalist Army in Spain during the Spanish Civil War during the years 1936-1939.

Passport Division of State Dept.  
to the NY Office  
Above described list enclosed with  
NY Letter, 5/7/48  
Re: Veterans of the Abraham  
Lincoln Brigade; IS-C  
100-7060-447 p. 198  
(5, 39)

The "DW" of 4/8/39 carried an article headed "Reading CP Head Speaks on Alien Law" which stated that Ben Rubin took the floor at the City Council meeting on Thursday and spoke against the Pennsylvania Anti-Alien Bill which was before the State Capitol law makers at that time.

Clipping of "DW", 4/8/39  
61-7559-4073X7  
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On 5/11/39 Ben Rubin attempted to have the Workers' Alliance, Reading, adopt a resolution to the effect that (Pennsylvania) Representative Moser be removed bodily if he attended the post office cornerstone laying in Reading on Saturday.  
(NY Wld. Telegram, 5/11/39)

Rubin originally was a NCL member in Far Rockaway, NY and in about 1935 joined the CP there. He moved to NY City and operated a CP book store. He joined the Lincoln Brigade in Spain shortly after the Spanish war started. Upon his return to NY he was appointed CP Organizer in Reading. His task consisted mainly in organizing the shoe and hosiery workers in CIO Unions and organizing CP branches in surrounding counties.

✓ Inft. J. Morris  
Inft. rept., undated  
61-7565-313X  
(10)

On 7/4/39 a number of CP members, Ben Rubin among them, signed a letter of congratulations to Sam Adam Darcy, Pennsylvania State CP Secretary, congratulating him on his first anniversary as leader of the CP in that district.

Strictly Conf. Source  
Philadelphia Rpt., 7/21/43  
Re: Charles Roselle, was.;  
Custodial Detention-R  
100-49274-5  
(15)

The Committee for Peoples Rights in Eastern Pennsylvania was affiliated with the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties during the time of the investigation, indictment and trial of Ben Rubin in 1940.

No. Inft. given  
Philadelphia Rpt., 12/9/50  
Re: Walter Wiest Felton, was.;  
SM-C  
100-369559-3  
(19)

In 1952, John Addison was questioned regarding his having signed a nomination paper for the 14th Congressional District of Pennsylvania back in 1940. Addison admitted having signed the paper which was to nominate Ben Rubin for the position of Representative, stating the petition was supposedly being circulated by the Democratic Party, of which he was a member.

ONI  
San Francisco memo, 2/11/53  
Re: John Michael Addison;  
Navy; LGE  
121-39714-8  
(21)

Elizabeth Zimmerman, Bureau of Elections, Department of State, Harrisburg, made available a photostatic copy of the Pennsylvania 1940 CP nominating petitions to place Ben Rubin on the ballot for the office of Representative in Congress. The name of Albert Rzesutek, father of Catherine Rzesutek, appeared on the list.

Philadelphia rpt., 1/9/50  
Re: Catherine Marie Rzesutek, Clk.  
Steno.-Applicant, Navy Dept.;  
LGE  
121-21118-8  
(21)



✓ On 6/2/54 Max Putney was interviewed by Bureau Agents in Philadelphia at which time he stated that he had dropped out of the Socialist Party in Reading after a Party split in about 1935. After that he read about Communism and discussed it on many occasions with Ben Rubin and other CP members and in about 1941 joined the CP.

Putney also advised that he and Rubin, along with four other individuals, were arrested in 1940 and charged with conspiracy to violate the election laws.

Philadelphia rpt., 7/15/54  
Re: Max Cecil Putney, was;  
SM-C  
101-385-25  
(19)

✓ In 1940 Ben Rubin was in company with J. Harold Phillips at the West Leesport Playground.

Phillips had contacted different people in 1940 for the purpose of appearing as character witnesses for Rubin at the time he was tried in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Reliable unknown source  
Philadelphia rpt., 1/1/42  
Re: J. Harold Phillips;  
IS-C  
100-64799-1  
(15)

✓ Ray E. Godshall, Chief Clerk of Local Draft Board 5, stated in March, 1944, that Herman Weyman, husband of Hazel Weyman, was the brother of James Weyman who, along with Ben Rubin and other CP members, was convicted of election fraud in Reading in 1940.

Philadelphia rept., 4/1/44  
Re: Hazel G. Weyman, wa.;  
SM-C  
100-411717-1  
(19)

In 1942 Dymtro Barna of Reading, Joseph Barna's father, admitted having signed a CP nominating petition circulated in 1940 by Ben Rubin.

(T-2) FOIA\_b 1 D

✓ T-2: [redacted] former investigator for Pa. State Police, who does not want his identity disclosed.

Philadelphia rept., 11/26/48  
Re: Joseph Barna, wa.; Dept. of Army; Mess Attendant; LGE  
121-13112-2  
(21)

Elmer King Pyle of Mohrsville, Pennsylvania, as of 1945 had been active in the CP and CPA for ten years. He was a witness for Ben Rubin in his (Rubin's) trial for perjury in connection with the circulating of CP nominating petitions (1940).  
(No Inft. given)

Philadelphia rpt., 7/7/45  
Re: Cominfil CIO Industrial  
Union Councils; IS-C  
100-33049-37-44 p. 272  
(15)

James Weyman, Ben Rubin, and others, were mentioned in the Pennsylvania State Police files as CP members or sympathizers. Their pictures appeared in the 1/3/40 issue of the "American Free Press" under the headlines "State Officials Violate Election Code in Reading."

Philadelphia rpt., 1/13/44  
Re: James Andrew Weyman;  
SM-C  
101-364-12  
(19)

Private Lester Lucas of the Pennsylvania State Police provided the Philadelphia Office with information to the effect that James Weyman was an associate of Ben Rubin and in March, 1940, had circulated CP petitions.

Philadelphia rpt., 6/2/43  
Re: James Andrew Weyman;  
Custodial Detention - R  
101-364-8  
(19)

On 3/22/40 Harold R. John signed CP nominating petition, petitioning for Ben Rubin for Congress.  
(Pa. Sec. of State)

John stated to Bureau Agent that he gave Rubin permission to sign his name to the above petition.  
(Date of info. not given)

✓  
Philadelphia rpt., 8/11/42  
Re: Harold Royer John, was.;  
IS-R  
101-2802-6  
(20)

A check of the Reading City Directory in June, 1940, reflected that Benjamin Rubin, and wife Lydia J., resided at 11 S. 7th Street, Apt. 3-C, and his occupation was listed as Secretary, Communist Party."

Edward S. Bektal, mailman, on interview stated he had not heard of anyone named Ben Rubin at the above address. Mrs. John Dever, wife of the caretaker at the above address advised that a young girl lived in that apartment alone.

The National Credit Consumer Credit Reporting Agency in Reading had no record on a Benjamin Rubin. The Police Department advised they had no criminal record on Rubin.

✓  
Philadelphia rpt., 7/2/40  
Re: Frank Hellman; Esp.  
98-200-18  
(4, 11)

Barnard Rubin was among the sponsors of the Conference on Constitutional Liberties which was called in Washington, D.C., 6/7-9/40 and launched by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.

✓  
Director's telephone room  
note of 5/6/48 with enclosure  
from Jack B. Tenney of  
Fourth Report, Un-American  
Activities in California, 1948  
100-15252-39, p. 226  
(27)

Mrs. Anna Duszkiewicz, mother of John Duszkiewicz, wrote a letter to James F. Marks, District Attorney, Berks County, on 8/26/40, in which she stated that her son was not a Communist. She said he had merely taken the CP petition to help Ben Rubin out.

✓  
Philadelphia rpt., 3/22/44  
Re: John Stanley Duszkiewicz,  
was.; SM-C  
101-390-12  
(20)

✓ The following people were mentioned in a list of names which Paul J. Gernert, Warden of Berks County Prison, Reading, furnished the Philadelphia Office on 8/29/40. The names were taken from a notebook found in the possession of Ben Rubin who had been committed to the prison on a charge of violation of the election laws and perjury.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>S.S. Page</u>
Robert W. Geiger	101-2770-1	20
Harry Davis	101-2890-1	20
George Terhune Peck	100-363498-47	19
Charles Anthony Palmer	100-184316-1	16
Houston Stokes Doriss	100-314409-1	18

While John Duszczkiewicz was associated with the Unemployment League and Workers Alliance he became acquainted with Ben Reuben and other CP members. As a friend of Reuben's he was requested to circulate petitions for the CP in an endeavor to have Reuben nominated for Congress on the CP ticket.

✓  
Report by Private Lester L. Lucas,  
Pa. Motor Police, dated 9/25/40  
Philadelphia rpt., 11/23/42  
Re: John Stanley Duszczkiewicz,  
was.; IS-R  
101-390-7  
(20)

Report of 9/27/40 the the Pennsylvania Motor Police revealed that during March, 1940, Harry Brown had caused to be circulated at the instance of Ben Rubin, CP petitions in which signatures were obtained falsely, having informed people the petitions were for the Democrat Party. The report also stated that Rubin was an associate of Brown's.

✓  
Philadelphia rpt., 10/7/42  
Re: Harry E. Brown; IS-R.  
101-363-5  
(19)

The "DW" for 10/2/40 carried an advertisement which listed Pennsylvania's CP slate of candidates for state offices among which was Benjamin Rubin of Reading, as a candidate from the 14th district (apparently for congressman).

✓  
100-3-9-A "DW", 10/2/40  
(4)  
SI 61-7559-A "DW", 10/2/40  
(3)  
SI 61-7559-A "DW", 4/13/40  
(9)

Ben Rubin, Journalist, 525 Greenwich Street, Reading, ran for the office of Representative in Congress in 1940 on the CP ticket, State of Pennsylvania.

✓  
No Inft. given  
NY letter, 6/27/41  
with encl. of lists  
Re: Persons Registering under  
Communist Banner for Nov., 1940  
Elections in NY, Pa. and Illinois.  
100-16832-7  
(14)  
SI 61-7559-11741 p. 105  
(9)

In the 11/1/40 issue of the "American Free Press" Carl Reeve was listed to be a speaker with Ben Rubin, Reading, over the radio, date not given.

✓  
Philadelphia rpt., 9/20/43  
Re: Carl Reeve, was.; IS-C  
100-12997-33 p. 11  
(14)



Elmer Pyle, CPA member, appeared as a character witness for Ben Rubin in December, 1940, when Rubin was on trial for election laws violation and perjury. Pyle testified that Rubin had attended meetings of the National Farmers' Union.

Lee D. Stoltz, member of the Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, had signed a petition in 1940 demanding that charges against Rubin and the other Communists, be dropped.

Philadelphia files  
Philadelphia rpt., 3/19/50  
Re: Cominfil Natl. Farmers  
Educational and Coop. Union  
of America, etal; IS-C  
100-45768-16 p. 31,32,34  
(15)

According to records of James Marx, District Attorney, Reading, of the CP election petition trials in December, 1940, Ben Rubin admitted he was CP Secretary in Reading.

Max Putney appeared as a character witness for Rubin at the above trial stating he had known Rubin for 3 years. Putney admitted he had obtained signatures to nominating petitions for Rubin.

Mr. Marx advised that Rubin was tried, convicted and fined \$100 and sentenced to one to two years in prison.

Philadelphia rpt., 1/8/44  
Re: Max Cecil Putney, was.;  
IS-C  
101-385-12  
(19)  
SI 2nd par. above  
101-385-22  
(19)

Paul J. Gernert, Warden, Berks County Prison, Reading, advised on 8/29/40 that the name Dr. Lee Terry appeared in the notebook of Ben Rubin when he was committed to the prison.

Rubin, in a judicial proceeding in December, 1940, admitted he had been a CP member for 5 or 6 years and in 1940, was an officer of the CP, being executive secretary. (no Inft.)

Philadelphia rpt., 7/9/54  
Re: Dr. F. Lee Terry, wa.;  
SM-C  
100-412107-1  
(19)

The records of the trial of Ben Rubin held in Berks County Common Pleas Court in December, 1940, revealed that Mary Nelson had testified on behalf of Rubin.

Jas. G. Marx, Dist. Attny.  
who made the records available  
Philadelphia rpt., 9/21/44  
Re: Mary Boyer Nelson; SM-C  
100-333451-1  
(18)

In the December, 1940 session of Common Pleas Court, at the trial of Ben Rubin, Reading, Elmer Pyle was a character witness for Rubin.

Records of Rubin's trial made  
available by Jas Marx,  
Dist. Attny., Reading  
Philadelphia rpt., 12/15/43  
Re: Elmer King Pyle; SM-C  
100-255256-1  
(17)  
SI 100-255256-20  
(17)

According to the records of the trial of Ben Rubin in Berks County Court in December, 1940, Alvin Christman testified for Rubin.

✓  
Jas. G. Marx, Dist. Attny.  
who made the records available  
Philadelphia rpt., 10/11/44  
Re: Alvin B. Christman; IS-C  
100-334270-1  
(18)

The name of Elizabeth P. Frazier appeared as a signer of a petition circulated by the Committee for Peoples Rights at the time of the investigation and trial of Ben Rubin (December, 1940).

✓  
Jas. F. Marx, Dist. Attny., Reading  
Philadelphia rpt., 2/17/45  
Re: Elizabeth Parrish Frazier; IS-C  
100-339576-3  
(18)

The Philadelphia Field Office files revealed that Dr. William Marius Malisoff, professor at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, NY, had signed a petition which was circulated at the time of the investigation, indictment and trial of Ben Rubin. (December, 1940)

✓  
Philadelphia rpt., 1/3/45  
Re: Christian Mollmann  
Gottschau; SM-J  
77-14725-21 p. 27  
(10)

James F. Marr, District Attorney, Reading, made available to the Philadelphia Office on 12/3/43, a letter on the stationery of the Committee for Racial and Religious Tolerance which protested the indictment and trial of Ben Rubin and other CP members for fraud in circulating CP election petitions in Reading in 1940. Dr. Wilbur L. Mahaney was listed as a sponsor of the organization.

✓  
Philadelphia rpt., 3/23/48  
Re: Dr. Wilbur L. Mahaney,  
wa.; SM-C  
100-352951-6 p. 5  
(18)

On 12/3/43 James F. Marr, District Attorney, Reading, furnished the Philadelphia Field Office a letter dated 12/2/40 on the letterhead of the Committee for Racial and Religious Tolerance, Philadelphia, containing a list of sponsors which included James P McGranery. The letter was sent to Marr at the time of the trial of Ben Rubin for violation of the election code.

✓  
Philadelphia rpt., 4/9/52  
Re: Jas. P. McGranery;  
Departmental Applicant -  
Attny Gen.  
77-10416-60 p. 84  
(10)  
SI 77-54129-6 p. 9  
(10)  
SI 123-5234-7  
(21)

On 12/11/40 at the start of the trial of Ben Rubin, charged with nominating petition fraud, David Levinson, attorney, battled the prosecution's plan for a quick conviction by confounding the jury with a multiplicity of charges and hampering the defense with several separate court actions scheduled simultaneously.

✓ 61-7559-A "DU", 12/12/40  
(9)

Edward Weand's name was found in a notebook in the possession of Ben Rubin, 420 Wood Street, Reading.  
(No date or Inft. given)

✓ Philadelphia letter, 12/30/40  
Re: Edward Weand, Sr.; IS-R  
61-10762-1  
(10)  
SI 61-10762-4  
(10)

Stanley Levan of the Berkshire News Company, Reading, stated that during the time Lydia Jean Hillis was employed at the Berkshire News Company from 1937 to 1939 she associated with Ben Rubin and other known Communists in Reading.

✓ James F. Marx, Berks County District Attorney, made available a letter from Informant A dated 8/31/40, which stated that Hillis who had signed CP nomination papers in 1940 had "last registered as a Democrat" and was "known to be the consort of Ben Rubin and living in the Communist nest at 525 Greenwich Street."

✓ A Pennsylvania State Police report dated 7/7/41 described Hillis as "the girl friend" of Rubin.

The records of The Beryllium Corporation, Temple, show that as of 1941 Rubin resided at 126 S. 9th Street, Reading, which was also the address of Hillis.

✓  
Inft. A: Congressman Guy L. Moser  
Philadelphia rpt., 12/7/43  
Re: Lydia Jean Hillis, was.; SM-C  
101-549-4  
(20)

FOIA(b)(7) D. [ ] furnished the Philadelphia Office with lists of individuals who had, as of 1941, signed CP nomination papers. The name Ben Rubin, 525 Greenwich Street, Reading, appeared on one of the lists.

✓  
Philadelphia letter. 3/18/41  
Re: Conf. Inft. [ ] IS-R  
100-16832-2  
(14)

The National Committee for Defense of Political Prisoners was renamed the Committee for Peoples Rights and was located at 100 Fifth Avenue, NY City. The committee worked together with the Berks County Civil Liberties Committee on the cases then (January, 1941) in the courts in Reading, of Ben Rubin and others.

✓  
[ ]  
NY Letter, 1/18/41 with  
encl. of Inft. rpt. of 1/10/41  
Re: Communist Activity in US;  
Neutrality Act  
61-7565-448  
(10)

On 1/1/41 Leonard Titelman, on behalf of the Berks County Civil Liberties Committee, served as attorney for Ben Rubin and others who had circulated CP petitions and were being prosecuted at Reading.

No Inft. given  
Philadelphia rpt., 6/3/44  
Re: Leonard R. Titelman, was.;  
SM-C  
100-240520-2  
(16)

District Attorney James G. Marx would be a witness in the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade case who would introduce as an exhibit, a letter dated 1/14/41 which the Veteran organization had forwarded to Marx in Reading, protesting a case against Ben Rubin for an election code violation.

NY Prosecutive rpt., 10/5/52  
Re: Veterans of the Abraham  
Lincoln Brigade, Inc.; IS-C  
100-7060-618 p. 32  
(13)

As of March, 1941, among the associates of Morris Cohen was one Harold John, Reading, whose father was a known CP member who had posted bail for Ben Rubin.

No Inft. given  
Philadelphia rpt., 3/29/41  
Re: Morris Cohen; IS-R  
100-17544-1  
(14)

At a CP mass meeting held in the Odd Fellows Hall, Reading on 2/12/41 Ben Rubin was observed introducing Phil Frankfeld, Sec. of the CP in Eastern Pennsylvania, as the principal speaker. In his remarks, Rubin told the audience that the FBI and Dies Committee were planning to outlaw the CP, that they daily violated the Bill of Rights.

✓ Philadelphia letter, 2/23/41  
Re: Communist Meeting, Reading,  
Pa.  
61-7559-11510  
(9)



Records in the office of James F. Marr, District Attorney for Berks County, indicated that Max Putney, Ben Rubin and others were co-defendants in a charge of conspiracy to commit fraud in connection with circulating CP nominating petitions in March, 1940.

In an interview with Putney by WPA investigator on 3/11/41, Putney admitted that at the request of Rubin, he had obtained signatures on CP nominating petitions, one being for Rubin as candidate for Congress.

✓ WPA rpt. with WPA letter  
of 3/29/41  
101-385-1  
(19)

✓ A WPA report on Harry E. Brown, 3200 Raymond Street, Laureldale, Pennsylvania reflected that Brown was very friendly with Ben Rubin in 1940.

✓ Nomination papers in the office of the Pennsylvania State Secretary reflected that Brown circulated CP nominating petitions in behalf of Rubin for Congressman in 1940.

✓ Records of the Pennsylvania State Motor Police revealed that on 9/27/40 Brown was active in the Berks County CP and met Rubin.

✓ Brown on 3/12/41 in an interview by WPA investigator stated that through his association with the Workers' Alliance, became acquainted with Rubin. He also stated that Rubin obtained a room at 525 Greenwich Street in Reading, same house that Brown lived in.

✓ On interview by WPA investigator on 3/13/41,  
Walter A. Ringler, Reading Postmaster, stated Rubin had  
received CP publications.

✓ On interview by WPA investigator on 3/6/41,  
Mrs. Elinor Stayman who lived next door to Brown and Rubin,  
said she knew them by sight.

WPA rpt., enclosed with  
WPA letter, 4/3/41  
101-363-1  
(19)

✓ In early 1941 James Weyman of Reading was reportedly  
a close associate of Ben Rubin. Weyman admitted close association  
with Rubin and had circulated CP nominating petitions at Rubin's  
request because he believed the CP platform to be truly democratic.  
He believed Rubin, candidate for Congressman, and other CP  
candidates were the most capable for the offices. (Criminal  
Identification Records of Pennsylvania State Motor Police at  
Harrisburg.)

✓ On interview by WPA investigator, Myra M. Hoffman,  
WPA stenographer in Reading, on 3/5/41, stated she had seen  
Weyman in company with Rubin at a CP newsstand at 5th and Penn  
Streets in Reading.

✓ On 3/12/41 on interview by WPA investigator,  
Mrs. Margaret Hahn, 226 North 6th Street, Reading, who lived  
next door to Weyman, stated she knew Weyman to be an associate  
of Rubin's.

✓ Weyman, on interview by WPA investigator on 3/7/41,  
stated he considered Rubin a true Democrat and favored Rubin's  
candidacy for Congress on the CP ticket.

Terrence Doyle, Reading City Adderman, on interview by WPA investigator on 3/14/41, stated that shortly after Rubin became associated with the Workers' Alliance about two years previously, Rubin, Weyman and two others gained control of the organization and large numbers of members left the group.

WPA report enclosed with letter from  
WPA, 4/3/41  
101-364-1  
(19)

✓ A WPA report on John Duszkiewicz as of 6/27/40 reflected that he associated with Ben Rubin.

✓ Nomination papers filed by the CP in the 14th Pennsylvania Congressional District on file in the office of the Secretary of State included petitions for Rubin as a candidate for Congress on the CP ticket.

✓ Duszkiewicz was interviewed by WPA investigator on 3/11/41 and 3/14/41. During the interview he stated he associated with Rubin. He became acquainted with Rubin through activities in the Workers' Alliance and Rubin had asked him to become a member of the CP. Duszkiewicz admitted circulating CP nominating petitions.

✓ The following people were interviewed by WPA investigator and stated they knew Duszkiewicz to be an associate of Rubins:

George A. Williams, WPA Timekeeper in Reading, on 2/21/42. Edward Weand, WPA laborer, on 3/13/41. Terrence Doyle, Alderman of the City of Reading, on 3/14/41. John M. Body, WPA foreman in Reading, on 3/14/41.

WPA report with  
WPA letter of 3/29/41  
101-390-1  
(20)

In a WPA investigation of Lydia Jean Hillis on 3/27/41, she admitted CP membership but claimed to have resigned (verbally) to Ben Rubin in Reading, in the summer of 1939.

✓ Mrs. Ruth Wade, landlady where Hillis lived in 1940, was interviewed on 3/28/41 and she stated Hillis shared Rubin's Communistic views.

— Pennsylvania State Motor Police index card listed Hillis as the common-law-wife of Rubin. (no date)

✓ Henry Davidow, proprietor of Bershire News Company, Reading, was interviewed on 3/27/41 and he stated he had dismissed Hillis from his employ in December, 1938, because of her association with Rubin.

— On interviews with Charles Tully, Berks County detective, on 3/27/41, and with Terrence Doyle, City Alderman, on 3/28/41, they stated they knew Hillis to be an associate of Rubin's. Also, John Body, WPA foreman, on 3/27/41 stated he knew Hillis as an associate of Rubin and others in the Workers' Alliance. Mrs. Althea Kromer, landlady at 620 Elm Street, Reading, on interview of 3/27/41, stated Hillis rented a room in her house on 11/30/40 where she was still residing. Kromer stated Rubin called on Hillis.

WPA rpt., enclosed with  
WPA letter, 5/5/41  
101-549-1  
(20)

✓ The records of the Berks County Court reflected that there had been a truebill returned against Ben Rubin charging him with perjury and violation of election laws. Rubin had 12 different indictments against him, six for perjury, five for election law violations and one for conspiracy.

✓ Rubin had been tried on one indictment for election law violation and one for perjury and found guilty. He was also tried on four other indictments, two for election law violations and two for perjury and found guilty on one perjury charge and applied for a new trial on that charge. The motion for his new trial would come up for hearing on 4/7/41.

Philadelphia rpt., 7/5/41  
Re: Frank Hellman; Esp.-R  
98-200-31  
(11)  
SI 98-200-48  
(11)

As of May, 1941, Ben Rubin, Reading, was considered an associate of Rufus A. Sherman.

✓ No info. given  
Philadelphia rpt., 5/27/41  
Re: Rufus A. Sherman; IS-R  
100-27220-1X  
(14)

✓ On 5/5/41, Congressman Guy L. Moser forwarded to the Bureau a newspaper clipping of a letter printed in the "Reading Times" which had been written by Rev. Max Putney of Reading who was under indictment with other CP members for fraud in circulating nominating petitions for Ben Rubin. Rubin ran for Congress in Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1940.

Letter from Congressman Moser,  
5/5/41  
65-15377-11  
(10)

A memo from the Department of Justice dated 12/31/41 enclosed a list of names including Ben Rubin, 420 Woodward Street, Reading, Pennsylvania, on whom INS reported "unable to identify".

Serial described above  
100-2-2637  
(11)

At the office of the Sheriff of Berks County, Reading, in about February, 1942, Bureau Agent talked with Clarence Barbour, deputy, and he called one Floyd Miller of 1028 North 5th Street, Reading, whom Barbour said had been on the VPA and would be reliable. Miller recalled that one William Huetsch, brother of William Huetsch who had been on the VPA Writer's project, made fun of Ben Rubin and some of the other Communists in Reading.

Philadelphia rpt., 2/14/42  
Re: William T. Huetsch; IS-  
Hatch Act  
101-4526-2  
(20)

✓ As of 5/14/52 Ben Rubin, Executive Secretary CP,  
Reading and Berks County; Abraham Lincoln Brigade, 126 S.  
9th St., Reading, was on the CP Key Figure list in the  
Philadelphia Office.

Phila. letter, 5/28/42  
Re: CP, USA;  
IS-R  
100-3-7-103  
(11)

✓ ONI furnished information furnished a copy of diagram dated 4/1/42 concerning CP set-up in Pennsylvania which listed Ben Rubin as one of the organizers of District 3.

Encl. of ONI CP Diagram  
with letter of 4/25/42  
100-3-7-93 encl. p. 4  
(11)

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The records of the Local Draft Board, Waterbury, Conn., revealed that Nathan Abrams listed as part of his family, Ben Rubin, a cousin, when he registered under date of 5/23/42.

✓ NY rpt., 1/24/44  
Re: Nathan Abrams;  
SM-C  
100-253431-2  
(17)

In August, 1942, Albert Edwards asked Charles Stein of Reading, to lecture to a group. Stein asked if it was the group to which Ben Rubin belonged and Edwards said it was.

✓ No Inft. given  
Philadelphia rpt., 3/11/43  
Re: Albert Richard Edwards;  
IS-R  
100-190627-1  
(16)



As of August, 1942, Ben Rubin, Executive Secretary,  
CP, Reading and Berks County; Abraham Lincoln Brigade, was  
listed in the Phila. Office as one of the more active CP  
members in District 3.

✓  
Phila. rpt., 8/22/42  
Re: CP, USA, Dist. 3;  
IS-R  
100-3-7-131, p. 14  
(11)  
SI 100-3-7-141  
(11)

As of August, 1942, contacts with [redacted] in Philadelphia had revealed the identity of out-of-town CP leaders such as Harry Brown and Ben Rubin at Reading.

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✓ Philadelphia letter. 9/1/42  
Re: Conf. Inft. [redacted]  
CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-7-122  
(11)

Examination of City Directories of Reading, prior to 1942, revealed that Martin Hissavage, had resided at 525 Greenwich Street along with Ben Rubin and Harry E. Brown.

During the trial of Brown in 1941 for election fraud in 1940, he testified that Rubin was a member of the Workers' Alliance and was its educational director. Brown also testified that Rubin had come to him requesting aid in getting signatures to place Rubin and the CP on the ballot.

On 12/4/42 Dave Levinson, attorney for Brown and Rubin, told Ben Weiss, prominent Philadelphia CP functionary, that the Rubin and Brown cases were being argued.

(Highly confidential source)

✓ Philadelphia rpt., 7/22/43  
Re: Harry Elwood Brown;  
Custodial Detention  
101-363-7  
(19)

As of 6/23/42 David Levinson intended to give up his law practice but apparently he continued on with the case of Ben Rubin and Harry Brown as he argued the case before the Supreme Court on 12/4/42. Levinson alleged the Rubin-Brown case should have been tried under the Pennsylvania Election Code instead of being charged with perjury under the State Penal Code.

FOIA(b)(7) (D)

Philadelphia rpt., 5/15/43  
Re: David Levinson, wa.;  
Custodial Detention-R  
100-17526-11  
(14)

Prior to late November, 1942 Ben Rubin, CP Secretary in Waterbury, had registered Ann Bernstein Brown as a CP member before she left for California.

New Haven rpt., 4/9/43  
Re: Ann Bernstein Brown;  
IS-C  
100-197858-1  
(16)  
SI 100-197858-14  
(16)  
SI 100-197858-33  
(16)

On 12/22/42 Andrew Onda remonstrated Ben Rubin for his poor work on the registration of Communists in Waterbury.

FOIA b. (7) D

✓  
New Haven rpt., 4/28/43  
Re: Andrew Rudolph Onda;  
IS-R  
100-9339-28  
(13)

On 12/23/42 Isadore Vofsy, Secretary of the CP 15th District, was disturbed over the situation in the Mine, Mill and Smelters' union in Waterbury and in that regard, asked Ben Rubin, who may be one and the same as Al Skinner, what the "sure people" were doing in Waterbury regarding John Driscoll. (Apparently Driscoll was an anti-Communist union leader.) Rubin stated that they had issued a leaflet for the rank and file members and Driscoll had also published a leaflet. Rubin also advised Vofsy that there were 4 CP branches in Waterbury. To date, Rubin

stated he had registered 16 members in the Scovill Branch, 20 in the Chase Branch, 12 in the American Brass Branch and 13 in the Street Branch.

✓  
[redacted]  
New Haven letter, 12/30/42  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-29-112  
(12)

FOIA b 7 D

✓ Lydia Jean Hillis was an associate of Ben Rubin.  
(no date; [redacted])

George H. Carrington, employee of the Waterbury Post Office, advised that Hillis was living with Rubin at 197 Willow Street in 1943. Hillis received mail addressed to Jean Hillis and also Mrs. Ben Rubin.

✓  
New Haven rpt., 10/27/43  
Re: Lydia Jean Hillis, wa.;  
SM-C  
101-549-3  
(20)

In early 1943 Benjamin Rubin took over the position of Michael Russo who was CP City Secretary in Waterbury.

✓  
No Inft. given  
New Haven Summary Memo, 2/25/43  
Re: Nationalistic Tendency Chart,  
15th District; CP, USA  
100-3-29-129  
(4)

The Bureau received an undated anonymous communication in January, 1943 which called attention to the fact that Lt. Solon C. Phillips of Shoemakersville, Pennsylvania and stationed in El Paso, Texas, was a friend of Ben Rubin of Reading who had been arrested for his CP activities. The writer asked if Phillips should not be kept under surveillance as he had been most anxious that B. Rubin be released from jail.

✓  
Communication as above  
100-32559-5  
(14)

The "DW" for 1/7/43 carried an article on "Court Reverses CP Convictions". The article stated that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania had reversed the lower court decisions in the Reading CP nominating petition cases and set aside the convictions of Ben Rubin and Harry Brown on perjury charges.

✓  
100-3-7-A "DW", 1/7/43  
(11)

On 2/25/43 Charles Flaherty advised Andrew Wofsy, CP District Secretary, that a CP meeting had been arranged for 3/5/43. Flaherty also told Wofsy that Ben Rubin who had been hospitalized in NY City would be back that week end.

EDTADT (7) D  
✓  
New Haven rpt., 3/31/43  
Re: Charles Jack Flaherty;  
IS-C  
100-195669-1  
(16)

On 3/22/43 Andrew Onda, Organizational CP Secretary, explained to Dorothy Bloom while she was at the CP office in New Haven, the functions of the CP State Committee and CP State Bureau. He stated the State Bureau was to be enlarged to include four new members two of which would be Bloom and Ben Rubin.

FOIA(b)(7) (D)

✓  
New Haven rpt., 4/5/43  
Re: Dorothy Bloom, was.;  
IS-R  
100-72786-10, p. 4  
(15)

The CP State Committee chose the membership of the State Bureau which acted for the State Committee when it was not in session. As of the latter part of March, 1943, Ben Rubin of Waterbury was one of the new members appointed to the CP State Bureau.

✓  
New Haven letter, 3/31/43  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-29-144  
(12)

As of April, 1943, Ben Rubin was one of the main followers of the CP line in the Scovill Brass Workers Union Local 569, Waterbury.

FOIA b7(D) [redacted]

✓  
New Haven rpt., 4/27/43  
Re: Cominfil IUMMSW-CIO;  
IS-C  
100-108199-206 p. 10  
(15)  
SI 100-108199-363 p. 8  
(28)  
SI 100-108199-270 p. 9  
(41)

As of April, 1943, Ben Rubin who had been subsidized by the CP to act as organizer and functionary in Waterbury for a short time, had not made good as far as the CP leaders were concerned and had taken employment in a shop in Waterbury.

✓  
[redacted]  
New Haven rpt., 4/16/43  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-29-153 p. 45  
(12)

Ben Rubin, Waterbury, was one of the members of the Editorial Board of the "News of Connecticut" all of whom were known Communists. "News of Connecticut" was the official publication of the Conference of Social and Labor Legislation with offices at 87 Orange Street, New Haven. (no date or info. given)

✓  
New Haven rpt., 4/5/43  
Re: Irvin Nathan Ives; IS-C  
100-40219-10  
(15)



As of 5/1/43 Benjamin Rubin was. Bernard Rubin, and Ben Rubin, of Waterbury, was a key figure in the CP 15th District. He was a member of the State Committee, secretary of the Waterbury Section and a leader of Communist members in IUMMSW Locals in Waterbury and Torrington.

✓  
New Haven letter, 5/1/43 with  
encl. of CP Key Figure list  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-29-167  
(4, 12, 38)

On 5/21/43 Isadore Wofsy instructed Ben Rubin of Waterbury to attend a CP State Bureau meeting the following day at 37 Howe Street, New Haven.

✓  
FOIA(b)(7) D

New Haven rpt., 8/17/43  
Re: Isadore Wofsy; IS-C  
100-27795-50, p. 2  
(14)

✓ Ben Rubin had been invited to attend a CP State Bureau meeting on 5/22/43 held at 37 Howe Street, New Haven, but he did not appear. [REDACTED]

Rubin attended a CP State Committee meeting on 5/30/43 held at 222 Lafayette Street, New Haven. Rubin spoke on the State CIO Conference held on 5/23/43 in New Haven.  
[REDACTED]

✓  
New Haven rpt., 7/14/43  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-29-198, p. 10, 11  
(12)

As of summer, 1943, Madeline Johnson and Ben Rubin were close friends. Johnson and Rubin were cooperating in an effort to become more active in the union at Scoville Mfg. Company, Waterbury.

FOIA(b)(7) D

William M. Black, Factory Superintendent at Scoville Mfg. Company stated that Edna Kane and Rubin associated with Johnson in union activities.

✓  
New Haven rpt., 8/27/43  
Re: Madeline Dunne Johnson;  
SM-C  
100-227788-1  
(16)

Ben Rubin was one of six Communists accused of making false representations to signers of nominating petitions in 1940 and freed on 6/15/43 on motion of State District Attorney. (Completely reliable, confirmed source.)

u.  
✓  
MID rpt., 6/29/43  
100-7660-1445  
(13)  
SI 100-7660-1459  
(13)

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In connection with the meeting of the Second Full State Committee of the CP held at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Reading, on 6/20/43, Sam Darcy, CP State Secretary, gave a talk over radio station WEEU. In the talk he stated that the recent freeing of Harry Brown and Ben Rubin by the local county court was a victory for civil liberties.

✓  
Inft. not given  
Philadelphia rpt., 7/15/43  
Re: CP, USA; IS-E  
100-3-7-393 p. 27  
(11)

FOIA b 7(D)

A list made up in July or August, 1943 which was given to [redacted] by Michael Russo, Executive Secretary of the Waterbury CP, contained the name of Ben Rubin. This list was apparently a list of all members of various CP branches in Waterbury.

✓  
New Haven rpt., 2/4/44  
Re: Nathan Abrams; SM-C  
100-253431-3  
(17)

Ben Rubin stated that half the funds from a picnic held 8/1/43 in Waterbury and sponsored by the Lithuanian Workers Association, were to go to the "DW". Rubin had requested Andrew Onda, CP District Secretary, to speak at the picnic but he had other engagements which prevented him from doing so.

Rubin advised Onda that at a recent CP meeting (apparently in about July, 1943) he had gotten 25 "DW" subscriptions.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

✓  
New Haven rpt., 9/7/43  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-29-216 p. 60, 69  
(12)

At a meeting of the Waterbury CP Section on 9/28/43 held at CP headquarters in Waterbury, Ben Rubin spoke on "The Future of the Unions in Waterbury."

✓  
New Haven rpt., 12/14/43  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-29-267 p. 64  
(12, 38)

Bernard Rubin was a member of the Waterbury CP Executive Committee as of October, 1943.

✓  
CP Chart, New Haven Div.  
New Haven letter, 10/13/43  
Re: CP Chart, USA  
100-3-29-232  
(38)

As of 11/8/43 Andrew Onda, Secretary of CP 15th District, mentioned Janet Vigezzi as one of the Comrades from the Waterbury CP Section, along with Ben Rubin and Michael Russo.

FOIA [REDACTED]

✓  
New Haven rpt., 3/5/52  
Re: Janet Murray Blair  
Rhodes Vigezzi, wa.;  
SM-C  
100-4310-48, p. 8  
(13)

At a regular meeting of the CP Branch in Waterbury, held at the Russian Hall, 11/10/43 Ben Rubin told of Michael Russo having been elected temporary chairman of an Italian meeting held the previous Sunday evening in Waterbury.

✓  
[REDACTED]  
New Haven rpt., 1/12/44  
Re: Michael Russo, wa.;  
IS-C  
100-268439-9  
(17)

On 11/10/43 David Goldstein attended a meeting of the Waterbury CP Branch at Russian Hall, Waterbury. At this meeting he was called upon by Ben Rubin, who was acting chairman, to speak on his experiences in the mass Jewish organizations in Waterbury.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

✓  
New Haven rpt., 1/10/44  
Re: David Goldstein; SM-C  
100-197641-5  
(16)

Nathan Abrams' employment card which Mr. E. V. Bradley, Personnel Director of Scovill Manufacturing Co., Waterbury, exhibited, reflected that Abrams had resided at 51 Thompson St., residence of Bernard (Ben) Rubin in December, 1943.

Mr. George Carrington, an employee of the Waterbury Post Office, advised that Abrams was a friend of Rubin.

✓  
New Haven rpt., 12/11/43  
Re: Nathan Abrams; SM-C  
100-253431-1  
(17, 42)

At the CP State Convention held in Bridgeport on 12/11-12/43, Bernard Rubin alias Ben Rubin was elected to the State Committee.

✓  
No Inft. given  
New Haven letter, 12/21/43  
Re: Communist Chart  
100-326-32-1  
(12, 39)

At the 12/12/43 session of the CP State Convention held at 493 Charles Street, Bridgeport, Bernard (Ben) Rubin spoke on the situation in the IUMMSW in Waterbury.

[REDACTED] FOIA(b) (7) (D)

At the Convention, Rubin was elected as a member of the CP State Committee from Waterbury. [REDACTED]

Bernard Rubin was one of the elected delegates from Waterbury to the Convention. [REDACTED]

✓  
New Haven rpt., 1/22/44  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-29-290 p. 10,13,25,27  
(12, 38)

In 1944, Andrew Onda contacted Ben Rubin in an attempt to have Rubin establish contacts for him with leaders of Local 569, IUMMSW in Waterbury. Onda was to contact James Sullivan, President of Local 569, which contact was made through Rubin.

✓  
[REDACTED]  
New Haven rpt., 6/24/44  
Re: Andrew Rudolph Onda,  
wa.; IS-C  
100-9339-80  
(13)

The Personnel Office of Chase Brass and Copper Company, Waterbury, advised that from June, 1943 to January, 1944 Lydia Jean Hillis claimed no exemption under the withholding tax law. Information acquired previously indicated that Bernard (Ben) Rubin, Hillis' husband, had claimed the entire exemption on paying his income tax.

✓  
New Haven rpt., 8/9/44  
Re: Lydia Jean Hillis,  
was.; SM-C  
101-549-8  
(20)

As of early 1944, the CP had abandoned its office located at 247 South Main Street, Waterbury and were holding meetings at the Russian Hall, 100 North Elm Street. Ben Ruben was then chairman of the Labor Committee. [FOIA b 7] (D)

Barnard (Ben) Rubin was on the Convention Resolutions Committee and the State Committee at the CP State Convention held in Bridgeport on 12/11-12/43. He spoke on CIO work in Waterbury. [REDACTED]

✓ As of early 1944, Ben Rubin was chairman of the Educational Committee of Local 569 Scovill Manufacturing Company, IUMMSW. In that office he was reported to be completely controlled by Robert Walkinshaw, International Organizer and an anti-Communist who was aware of Rubin's CP history. [REDACTED]

New Haven rpt., 3/6/44  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-29-312 p. 74,75,93  
(12)



On the circulation list of the "Worker" and "DW" for Oklahoma and Arkansas as of 1/31/44, there appeared the name Cpl. Ben Rubin, 322 Eng. SQD 91, Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, 7-3-44-MR U (the meaning of the initials not stated).

FOIA(b)(7) D.

✓ [redacted] who maintained a trash cover on CP headquarters, Empire Bldg., Oklahoma City Oklahoma City rpt., 3/15/45 Re: CPA, Dist. 31; IS-C 100-3-52-188, p. 15 (12)

✓ As of March, 1944, Mr. Walter A. Jarvis, Personnel Director of Chase Metal Works, Waterbury, furnished information from the personnel record of Gillian Morin to the effect that she gave the name of Miss Hillis, 197 Willow Street, as a reference. (address of Lydia Jean Hillis, wife of Ben Rubin.)

From this and because she had lived in Reading, it was believed that she was acquainted with Hillis and Rubin.

New Haven rpt., 3/14/44  
Re: Gillian Fisk Morin;  
SM-C  
100-287750-1  
(17)

At a meeting of the Waterbury CP Branch on 1/5/44, Lydia Jean Hillis nominated Barnard (Ben) Rubin as Chairman of the Labor Committee. DIA b 7 D

On 3/7/44 T-1 advised that Ben Rubin told him that he (Rubin) was married, his wife being Hillis and that she was in the hospital in NY City and expected to be released that day. Rubin said he did not know if Hillis would return to Waterbury or go to a place near Reading to convalesce.

T-1: Geo. F. O'Connor,  
Internal Rev. Agt. in  
Waterbury who assisted  
Rubin prepare his  
Income Tax report.  
New Haven rpt., 3/13/44  
Re: Lydia Jean Hillis, wa.;  
SM-C  
101-549-6  
(20, 33)

As of April, 1944, Ben Rubin, CP leader of Waterbury, was reported to have entered the Merchant Marine Service.  
(Usually reliable, probably true source.)

MID rpt., 5/2/44  
100-7660-2139  
(13)

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As of April, 1944, Barnard (Ben) Rubin had been elected and installed as a Co-Chairman of the CP Labor Committee in Waterbury. As of July, 1943, Rubin's name appeared on the Waterbury CP membership list. [REDACTED] FOIA b 7 D

In the spring of 1944, Rubin was elected Warden of Local 569 of the IUMMSV, CIO, in Waterbury. Rubin had been confined to a NY City hospital during January and February, 1944. [REDACTED]

On 1/6/44 Rubin arranged with Andrew Onda, CP District Secretary, to attend the CP National Plenum in NY City the following day. [REDACTED]

New Haven rpt., 4/17/44  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-29-327 p. 84,85,95  
(12, 24)

On 4/12/44 Andrew Onda, CP District Executive Secretary, in talking to Paul Bloom, CP Treasurer, and [REDACTED] stated that Michael Russo, Executive Secretary of the Waterbury CP, and Ben Rubin (then in the US Army) were the best at recruiting CP members in Waterbury, but they lacked time and it was impossible to work freely.

New Haven rpt., 7/4/44  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-29-357 p. 49  
(12)

The New Haven Office advised by letter dated 7/17/44 that Bernard Rubin, active CP figure in Reading until late 1942 and thereafter active in the CP at Waterbury, had listed Josephine Truslow Adams as a reference on a personal security questionnaire in October, 1943. Rubin had, on 4/16/44, contacted a Miss Adams in NY City.  
(No Inft. given)

✓  
NY rpt., 9/9/44  
Re: Josephine Truslow  
Adams; SM-C  
100-22337-26  
(40)

On 4/17/44 Ben Rubin had James Sullivan, President of Local 569 of IUMMSV, to lunch at his home in Waterbury. Rubin had arranged with Andrew Onda to "drop in" at that time and Rubin would approach Sullivan about joining the CP. Informant stated Rubin was joining the Merchant Marines and, <sup>was</sup> to leave for service about 4/19/44.

✓  
[REDACTED] D  
New Haven Letter, 4/26/44  
Re: Andrew Rudolph Onda; IS-C  
100-9339-73  
(13)

On 4/18/44 Michael Russo told Andrew Onda, District CP Secretary, that there would be a CP meeting on 4/19/44 in Waterbury at which a man about whom Ben Rubin had spoken, would be present. It was believed that the man referred to was James Sullivan, President of Local 569, IUMMSV, CIO.

[REDACTED]  
New Haven rpt., 5/8/44  
Re: Michael Russo, wa.;  
IS-C  
100-268439-14  
(17)

On 4/21/44 Andrew Onda, CP District Executive Secretary, told Paul Bloom, CP District Chairman, that he regarded Michael Russo and Barnard (Ben) Rubin as the best CP members in Waterbury.

FOIA(b)(7) [redacted]

✓  
New Haven rpt., 6/23/44  
Re: Michael Russo, wa.;  
IS-C  
100-268439-15  
(17, 29)

✓ Early in March, 1944, when Barnard (Ben) Rubin made out his income tax, he stated that his wife, Lydia Jean Hillis, would prepare a separate return. (Gabriel Price, Head of Int. Rev. Office, Waterbury.)

✓ Between 1/15/44 and 5/11/44 Hillis did not attend any CP functions sponsored by the Waterbury CP. The only remark regarding Hillis which the Informants heard during that time was that made by Rubin stating he was going into the Army but that his wife would continue to work. As of May, 1944, Rubin was serving in the Army. [redacted]

New Haven rpt., 5/22/44  
Re: Lydia Jean Hillis, wa.;  
SM-C  
101-549-7  
(20, 33)

According to information in the "Volunteer for Liberty" for November, 1943. January, February, March, May, June and July, 1944 and [redacted] Benjamin Rubin was one of the members of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade then in the armed services.

FOIA b 7 D

✓  
NY rpt., 9/8/44  
Re: Veterans of the Abraham  
Lincoln Brigade, Inc.;  
IS-C  
100-7060-249  
(5)

On 7/7/44 Leah Leopold attended an educational meeting of the Waterbury CPA. During the meeting she mentioned her brother, Barnard (Ben) Rubin, former chairman of the Waterbury Labor Committee.

✓  
[redacted]  
New Haven rpt., 7/12/50  
Re: Riena Leopold Macklin, <sup>was</sup> Staff nurse -  
~~was~~ Employee, Fed. Sec.  
Agency; LGE  
121-22779-6  
(21, 34, 48)  
SI 100-284849-2  
(17, 29)

As of August, 1944, Barnard Rubin who had been warden of Local 569, Scovill Brass Works Union, and chairman of the CP labor committee in Waterbury, was in the Army.

FOIA b 7 [redacted] D

✓  
New Haven rpt., 8/29/44  
Re: Cominfil IUMMSW-CIO;  
IS-C  
100-108199-354 p. 6  
(15, 28)

At a meeting of the Waterbury Chapter of the United Nations Association held at the Women's Club in Waterbury on 10/9/44, Lillian Beer told Michael Russo, President of the Waterbury CPA, that Ben Rubin had had the unpleasant experience of his past catch up with him with the result that he was no longer in the paratroopers.

✓ [redacted]  
New Haven rpt., 11/14/44  
Re: Lillian Beer, wa.;  
SM-C  
100-305049-3  
(18)

✓  
The records of the NY City Clerk, Marriage License Bureau, reflected that Lydia Jean Hillis married Joseph Wischner on 4/25/47 in NY City. She had previously been married to Barnard Rubin which marriage was annulled on 10/10/44 in Queens, NY because of a fraud.

The Pennsylvania Motor Police report of 9/14/40 revealed that Rubin came to Reading in 1940 and became active in CP activities, circulating CP nominating petitions. The State Motor Police further advised that Rubin was tried for election fraud in December, 1940, and found guilty.

On instructions from James Marz, Berks County District Attorney, Rubin was arrested for election code violation and perjury.

✓  
NY rpt., 10/19/54  
Re: Lydia Jean Hillis, was.;  
SM-C  
101-549-16  
(33)

A letter in the Philadelphia Office (date not given) on the stationery of the Committee for Racial and Religious Tolerance, contained a complaint from that organization that Ben Rubin and others were being persecuted because of their Communist connections. The letterhead carried the name of Rev. Dr. John MacCallum as one of the sponsors.

✓  
Philadelphia rpt., 10/21/44  
Re: Rev. Dr. John Archibald  
MacCallum; SM-C  
100-334785-1  
(18)

✓  
A mail cover on the home of Max Putney, 513 Oley Street, Reading, revealed that on 11/17/44 he received mail from Pvt. Barnard Rubin, Co. D2, Reg. 4th Ord., California. Again on 12/5/44 he received mail from Rubin, Cas. Co. 37, APO 15569, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco.



On 7/23/42 Phil Dorfman, CP attorney, while at CP headquarters in Philadelphia, said he wanted Ben Rubin, Putney, Carl Reeve and Harry Brown, defendants in election law violation and perjury case in Berks County, to be in Sam Darcy's office at CP headquarters for a meeting the following Monday.

FOIA b 7 D

✓ Philadelphia rpt., 1/31/45  
Re: Max Cecil Putney, was.;  
IS-C  
101-385-15  
(19, 33)

On 4/29/45 at an IWO meeting held at the home of Martin Misavage, Reading, Sigmund Lurio, CPA supporter, obtained the addresses of Lt. Solon Phillips and Private Barnard Rubin. Phillips and Rubin were CP members who were then assigned to the Pacific theater of war.

✓   
Philadelphia rpt., 4/12/47  
Re: Martin Misavage; SM-C  
100-261516-7  
(29)

Solon Phillips attended meetings at West Leesport, Pennsylvania in company with Ben Rubin. Both Phillips and his wife spent considerable time in Berks County securing character witnesses for Rubin prior to his trial for violation of the Election Code. (Unknown source; no date given)

✓ In December, 1940 during a trial in the Common Pleas Court of Berks County, Reading, Rubin admitted he was CP secretary in Reading and that Solon Phillips was one of his character witnesses. (James Marx, former Dist. Attny., Berks County.)

FOIA b 7 D

On 4/30/45 at a CP meeting held at the home of Martin Misavage in Reading, [ ] received the name of Barnard Rubin as one of the members of the Berks County CP Club then serving in the armed forces. His address was Co. 37, APO 15569, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

✓ Philadelphia rpt., 9/2/47  
Re: Solon C. Phillips, was.;  
SM-C  
100-32559-11 p. 6, 7  
(14, 27)  
SI 1st par. above  
100-32559-12 Usually reliable,  
(14) probably true source (MID)  
SI 1st par. above  
100-32559-13 Usually reliable,  
(14) probably true source (MID)

✓ Barnard Rubin was listed as a contributor to Far Eastern Survey, having contributed one item of  $\frac{1}{2}$  page in 1946.

The above information was from information furnished by W. C. Gilbert, Acting Director of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., on 6/16/52 to the McCarran Committee.

Hearings before the Subcommittee  
to Investigate the Administration  
of the IS Act and other IS Laws,  
82nd Congress, Second Session on  
The Institute of Pacific Relations  
100-64700-1215 p. 5599  
(41)

The Customs Officials found among data in Mrs. Calvin Sakamoto's baggage on 10/30/47, a newspaper clipping headed "Mitsubishi's Seventy-five Companies Wield Vast Power" by Barnard Rubin, dated 1/19/46. The article showed the industrial holdings and affiliated firms controlled by that powerful industrial organization.

✓ Honolulu rpt., 2/28/49  
Re: Mrs. Calvin Kiyoki  
Sakamoto, was.; SM-C  
100-353552-4 p. 40  
(31)

A story in the "DV" (apparently in February, 1946) asked "Is Kagawa Mac Arthur's Pal?" The paper claimed that Cpl. Bernard Rubin of the "Stars and Stripes" Pacific edition, was removed because of his expose of Toyohiko Kagawa, supporter of Japanese imperialism. Rubin stated that Mrs. Genevieve Topping, an American who acted as Kagawa's secretary and broadcast for the Jap government during the war urging American women to cease helping the war effort, was in touch with General Headquarters and therefore immune to investigation. Rubin charged that he was forbidden to write about Kagawa in his column and that Kagawa stood so high with General Headquarters that he, Rubin, was being exiled to Okinawa.

✓ MID rpt., 3/11/46  
100-7660-3740  
(39)

The "DV" and "PM" during February, 1946, featured stories of the transfer of Sgt. Kenneth Pettus and Cpl. Bernard Rubin to Okinawa.

✓ MID rpt., 2/18/46  
100-7660-3668  
(39)

Barnard Rubin who was removed from the editorial staff of the "Stars and Stripes" in February, 1946 had been an active CP member in Waterbury. Rubin was a native of Brooklyn and as of October, 1940, was CP secretary in Reading, Pennsylvania. He ran for election on CP ticket in Connecticut and served one year with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain. He was co-chairman of the CP Labor Committee in Waterbury. In the Army Rubin denied being a Communist, stating he had resigned before being inducted. As of May, 1944 Rubin was inactive in the Waterbury CP but maintained contact with the CP state office. (Completely reliable, confirmed source)

✓ MID rpt., 3/1/46  
100-7660-3757  
(26)

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During late February, 1946, 24 members of Washington State Legislature joined three congressmen in asking a thorough War Department investigation of the transfer of Sgt. Kenneth Pettus and Cpl. Bernard Rubin from their posts on the Army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" in Tokyo.

✓ MID rpt., 3/2/46  
100-7660-3778  
(39)

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Articles and editorials in February, 1946 editions of the CP press criticized the dismissal of Sgt. Kenneth Pettus and Cpl. Bernard Rubin from the staff of "Stars and Stripes". An editorial by Washington State Congressman Hugh DeLacy requested an inquiry into the question he made before the soldier's press became the officer's and War Department press.

✓ MID rpt., 3/16/46  
100-7660-3769  
(39)

An article datelined Tokyo, 2/11/46, by Mark Gayn, apparently from the "Chicago Sun" stated that Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa emerged as one of the keys to the dismissal of Sgt. Ken Pettus and Corp. Barnard Rubin from the staff of "Pacific Stars and Stripes". The article stated Rubin had carried on a one man campaign against Kagawa.

✓ Charlotte memo, 9/18/50  
Re: Toyohiko Kagawa; IS-J  
100-41138-38  
(37)

On 2/11/46 the "Seattle Star" and "Seattle Times" newspapers carried articles concerning Kenneth L. Pettus and Barnard Rubin, both enlisted Army men who had been dismissed from the Army's newspaper "Pacific Stars and Stripes".

✓ Seattle letter, 2/13/46  
Re: Cominfil of Armed Forces; IS-C  
61-7557-452  
(22)  
SI 100-3-72-53 p. 8  
(38)  
SI 100-167452-23  
(41)  
SI 100-350512-337 "Counterattack" 7/21/50  
(31)  
SI 100-340922-61 p. 10 (no Inft.)  
(30)

The "PH" for 2/11/46 carried an article on "Army Paper's Staff Appeals to Mac Arthur" stating that staff members of the Army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" appealed to Gen. Mac Arthur to prevent the transfer of its managing editor Kenneth Pettus and Barnard Rubin, columnist. Pettus and Rubin were being transferred to Okinawa because of a "negative report on a loyalty check."

✓ 61-7557-A "PH", 2/11/46  
(22)

The "Stars and Stripes" for 2/12/46 stated that Kenneth Pettus and Barnard Rubin, managing editor and columnist of the paper, who had been ordered transferred to Okinawa, were still in Tokyo. Their transfer had been delayed pending an investigation of charges of disloyalty.

✓ 61-7557-A Stars and Stripes, 2/12/46  
(22)  
SI 61-7557-A "DV", 2/12/46  
(36)  
SI 61-7557-A "DV", 2/14/46  
(36)

On 2/13/46, three congressmen asked the War Department to investigate the removal of two soldiers, Kenneth Pettus and Barnard Rubin from their positions as managing editor and columnist of the Tokyo edition of the "Stars and Stripes".

Pettus and Rubin had written to General Mac Arthur asking that the incident be investigated. They protested that Col. John F. Davis had ordered them removed because of a negative report on a loyalty check. Mac Arthur's chief of staff ordered an inquiry and delayed their transfer to Okinawa.

Pettus and Rubin were at that time still unassigned in Tokyo and awaiting the outcome of the investigation.

✓  
"Nippon Times", 2/15/46  
94-3-4-1402-A  
(23)  
SI 94-3-4-1402-9  
(23)

The "DW" for 2/16/46 carried an article headed "GI Newsman Ask Congress Probe". Eighteen "Stars and Stripes" staff members called upon Congress to investigate the removal of Kenneth Pettus and Bernard Rubin, managing editor and columnist of the paper. Pettus and Rubin were removed because of a "negative loyalty check".

✓  
61-7557-A "DW", 2/16/46  
(36)  
SI 100-345188-1 (no Inft.)  
(43)

The "Seattle Post Intelligencer" of 2/22/46 listed Richard Murphy as among the Washington State Representatives who had petitioned Secretary of War Patterson to investigate the ouster of Sgt. Kenneth Pettus and Cpl. Barnard Rubin from the staff of the "Stars and Stripes" in Tokyo.

✓  
Seattle rpt., 1/20/47  
Re: Richard Harris Murphy, wa.;  
SM-C  
100-84834-10 p. 7  
(28)  
SI 100-190625-A "Wash. News", 3/9/46  
(41)

A probe into the dismissal of Sgt. Kenneth Pettus and Cpl. Barnard Rubin was called for by the Tokyo chapter of the American Veterans Committee in March, 1946. It was contended that the matter not only concerned Pettus and Rubin but the "Stars and Stripes" and American public generally.

MID rpt., 3/9/46

✓ 100-7660-3738

(26)

SI as above

100-345188-3 Seattle American

(43) Veterans Committee

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On 3/2/46 General Douglas MacArthur approved the removal of the managing editor T/3 Kenneth Pettus and columnist T/5 Barnard Rubin, of the Army's Pacific "Stars and Stripes" after he received a report that their "discretion and integrity" were questionable. They were ordered sent to the 4th Replacement Depot at Yokohama for normal reassignment to some "non-sensitive" duty.

Both Pettus and Rubin denied that they were Communists although Rubin stated he had been a member of the CP for 4 years but resigned before he was inducted. Rubin added that he had served one year with the International Brigade in Spain during the Spanish Civil war.

✓ Herald Tribune, 3/3/46

94-8-630-A

(23)

SI 61-7557-A "DW", 3/18/46

(36)



In the column "As Pegler Sees It" by Westbrook Pegler in the "Herald Tribune" of 3/3/46, he named Corp. Barnard Rubin, columnist, who formerly wrote for an IUMSW union publication, as one of the soldiers on the editorial staff of "Stars and Stripes" who had protested to General Mac Arthur because two of their editorial associates had been detached and ordered to Okinawa because of a "negative report on a loyalty check."

✓ 62-36434-A "Herald Tribune, 3/3/46  
(22)

The "DW" of 3/4/46 carried an article headed "Kagawa - - Is he Mac Arthur's Pal?" The article stated that an expose of Toyohiko Kagawa which Cpl. Bernard Rubin had written for the "Stars and Stripes" was a big factor in the removal of Rubin from the staff of the paper. Rubin claimed that Kagawa though leader of the Japanese Social Democratic Party was a defender of the emperor system in Japan.

✓ 100-41138-A "DW", 3/4/46  
(40)

The 3/16/46 issue of "The Militant" (Trotskyite publication) charged that Sgt. Kenneth Pettus and Cpl. Bernard Rubin were removed from the staff of the Pacific edition of "Stars and Stripes" because of previous union affiliations and stated that "labor hating brass" considered them disloyal because they were members of the CIO before entering the service.

✓ MID rpt., 3/30/46  
100-7660-3790  
(40)

At a CP rally held in Waterbury at Temple Hall on 3/22/46, Augie Storm, Secretary of CP in Waterbury, in a talk at the rally, cited Corporal Bernard Rubin who had recently been removed from the staff of the "Stars and Stripes" newspaper as an "outstanding example of the type of man the CP furnished this country in World War II." Storm commented on a statement which had been made by John Mankowski, member of the IUMMSW International Executive Board. Mankowski had said that linking Rubin's name with the IUMMSW reflected discredit on the union. Storm disagreed with Mankowski.

Waterbury Am. Newspaper, 3/23/46  
New Haven rpt., 5/21/46  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-29-511  
(38)  
SI 100-27124-17  
(40)

Articles and editorials in the CP press as of April, 1946, continued criticism of the removal of Sgt. Kenneth Pettus and Cpl. Bernard Rubin from the staff of the Tokyo "Stars and Stripes" by publishing a letter from a soldier in Tokyo. The letter stated that Rubin was "going after the Mitsui business like a bloodhound after a pork chop."

MID rpt., 4/6/46  
100-7660-3798  
(40)

As of 8/26/46 Barnard Rubin was considered a CP key figure in the New Haven District.

New Haven memo, 8/26/46  
Re: CP, USA, Dist. 15; IS-C  
100-3-29-525  
(24)

The November, 1946 issue of the "Volunteer for Liberty" contained a greeting from Ben Rubin in which he pointed out that Hirohito still existed, sharing power with Mac Arthur. He urged a fight against Mac Arthur "if we are to fight for peace." He claimed that an anti-Soviet campaign was strong in Japan and insinuations were prominent suggesting Japan be used as a jumping-off point to attack the Soviet Union.

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✓ [redacted] who furnished the  
above paper  
NY rpt., 2/13/47  
Re: Veterans of the  
Abraham Lincoln Brigade;  
IS-C  
100-7060-352 p. 20  
(13)

This reference contained a translation of the "Morning Freiheit" of 11/7/46 which was in honor of the 29th anniversary of the Soviet Union. One item contained therein was greetings from the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Organization in Philadelphia toward which Bernard Rubin had made a contribution.

✓ Encl. of above translation with  
NY memo, 5/6/47  
Re: Morning Freiheit; IS-C  
100-46808-131 p. 20  
(40)

The "DW" for 11/9/46 stated that Barnard Rubin had said "One of the greatest betrayals in American history is now taking place in Japan under the command of General Mac Arthur. Tens of thousands of GI's gave their lives to crush, (or so they have been told), the power of the war-making Japanese monopolists or Zabaitsus, the feudal landlords, and the Emperor....." The "DW" stated Rubin was a veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, was educational director of the "MMSWU" in Connecticut and had been a reporter for labor papers. Since his discharge from the Army, he has written articles, has lectured, and has been working on a book "Betrayal in Japan." On 12/13/46 he was to address a special meeting of veterans at an IWO Lodge in the Bronx.

✓  
MID rpt., 11/13/46  
100-7660-4128  
(26)

Barnard Rubin was a contributor to the magazine "Salute". Rubin with alias Benjamin and Ben, was a former CP organizer in Reading, Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania District CP secretary in 1939. He was a member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; was convicted of election fraud and sentenced to prison in December 1940. In February, 1946 he was transferred from the Tokyo staff of "Stars and Stripes" to Okinawa. The December, 1946 issue of "The Protestant" (Communist publication) carried an article by Rubin.

✓  
MID rpt., 12/27/46  
100-7660-4178  
(5, 13, 26)

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In the 12/4/46 issue of "Far Eastern Survey" Bernard Rubin was listed as one of the book reviewers. "Far Eastern Survey" was published by the American Institute of Pacific Relations, Inc., NY City.

✓  
Review of the "Far Eastern Survey" at the NY Public Library  
NY rpt., 5/26/50  
Re: Institute of Pacific Relations;  
Esp.-R  
100-64700-379 p. 102  
(41)

"The Worker" for 12/8/46 carried an advertisement about the column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin which was to start 12/16/46.

✓  
61-4478-A "Worker", 12/8/46)  
(22)

FOIA(b)(7), D

██████████ advised on 12/11/46 that Bernard Rubin had addressed a meeting of the Japanese-American Committee for Democracy and strongly criticized the administration of General Mac Arthur in Japan. Rubin was an exstaff member of the "Stars and Stripes" in Japan and had been ordered out of Japan by Gen. Mac Arthur. Rubin wrote a book entitled "Betrayal in Japan."

✓  
NY rpt., 5/9/47  
Re: Japanese-American  
Committee for Democracy;  
IS-C  
100-71226-74  
(41)

Walter Winchell sent the Director a letter written under date of 12/13/46 by Barnard Rubin to Morgan-Warman Associates, Inc., NY City in which he told of his column "Broadway Beat" soon to appear in the "DW". He stated he would be interested in receiving material which they thought was of interest and asked that it be sent direct to him in care of the "DW".

✓  
Bureau Memo, 12/20/46 with  
encl. of letter as above  
61-4478-379  
(22)

The "DW" of 12/24/46 carried an article headed "How About Riesel's Record?" which stated that the "Post's" (NY Post) Victor Riesel had gone whining to the FBI for protection against the "DW" columnist, Barnard Rubin, who had tossed a barb at Riesel the other week. Riesel, in his column had pleaded for a witch-hunt against progressives formerly in editorial positions on "Stars and Stripes".

✓  
62-82195-A "DW", 12/24/46  
(22)

Barnard Rubin, in his column "Broadway Beat" in the 12/25/46 "DW", stated that secret but official orders from the War and State Departments had been issued to top militarists and diplomats sternly prohibiting further talk of the inevitability of war against the Soviet Union.

✓  
MID rpt., 1/1/47  
100-7660-4209  
(26)

In an interview by Bureau Agents with Mark Gayn in NY City on 4/29/53, Gayn advised that while he was in Japan he met a man named Rubin (Bernard Rubin) who was on the staff of "Stars and Stripes". He had heard that Rubin had been removed from the staff but never heard why. In 1947 Gayn met Rubin in NY City when Rubin said that he was employed by the "DW".

✓ NY rpt., 7/21/53  
Re: Mark Julius Gayn, was.;  
IS-R  
100-373990-50  
(44)

In the January, 1947 issue of the "Volunteer for Liberty," (monthly publication of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade) among the social items as to members, reference was made to Ben Rubin, former staff member of "Stars and Stripes", Pacific edition. (not further elaborated upon).

✓ NY rpt., 8/18/47  
Re: Veterans of the  
Abraham Lincoln Brigade; IS-C  
100-7060-378 p. 21  
(13)

Barnard Rubin in the "DW" (apparently in January, 1947) scolded the NY publication "PM" for stepping out of line with "How come 'PM' still has Disney's chauvinistic 'Song of the South' on the recommended list?"

✓ MID rpt., 1/17/47  
100-7660-4248  
(26)

Bernard Rubin reported (apparently in the "DW") that a new magazine named "47" would hit the newstands on 2/5/47. The magazine was to be owned entirely by its contributors and would open with a vicious attack on Mac Arthur by Darrel Berrigan of the NY "Post".

✓ MID rpt., 1/31/47  
100-7660-4314X p.11  
(40)

It was believed that Bernard Rubin who had as of January, 1947 written a book "Betrayal in Japan", was behind the Veterans Committee for Democracy in Japan which was formed by the Committee on Democratic Policy in the Far East.

In Rubin's speech before the Japanese American Committee for Democracy (no date given) he stated there was no freedom at all in Japan and that a complete failure had been registered as far as democracy was concerned.

✓ Newark and NY Field Div.  
Weekly Japanese Trends.  
NY Memo, 1/7/47 with  
encl. of Weekly Trend Memos.  
Re: Weekly Trends  
66-8603-1-34-527 encl. p. 12  
(37)  
SI 100-7660-4219 (MID)  
(26)



"Plain Talk" for January, 1947 contained a little article to the effect that "the life of the stars will get an ideological going over in the "DW"..... which has begun publication of a Broadway column purporting to give the 'inside' on the entertainment world. The column is being written by a 'typographical error' named Barnard Rubin."

✓  
NY letter, 10/1/47 with encl.  
of back issues of "Plain Talk"  
Re: Plain Talk; Mics., Info.  
Concerning  
94-36511-68 p. 143 of encl.  
(23)  
SI 97-401-216 p. 3 ("DW", 12/15/46)  
(23)

In the "DW" of 1/7/47, Barnard Rubin stated that "during the miners' strike the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82 Airborne Division, was alerted for strikebreaking." Rubin also stated "the men received orientation lectures in which they were told that the miners were receiving extraordinarily high wages and that the strike was a Communist-instigated plot to overthrow the government."

Informants wondered if Rubin had an informant within the Army or if he were using his imagination. (Completely reliable, confirmed source.)

✓  
MID rpt., 1/10/47  
100-7660-4252 p. 11  
(26)

In Barnard Rubin's column in the "DW" for 1/9/47 he stated that the Army brass was sitting on a mass of signed eye-witness statements of former inmates of the worst Nazi concentration camps. He stated that writers who sought access to the statements were given the brush-off by the Army.

✓  
MID rpt., 1/15/47  
100-7660-4249  
(26)

The Boston Office wrote the Albany Office on 1/15/47 regarding a conversation between Fannie Hartman of the Boston CP and Bernard Rubin (phonetic) of the "DW" staff, in reference to one Robert Tirrell of Windsor, Vermont. Rubin wished to contact someone for a personal recommendation and Hartman referred him to Cordelia Cerasoli, Barre, Vermont. (no info. given)

✓  
Albany rpt., 2/14/47  
Re: Cordelia Cerasoli; SM-C  
100-341175-6  
(42)

This reference is a clipping of the 1/16/47 "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin. In this column he quoted from an ad in "At Liberty", current "Billboard" magazine, which was an ad by Dee Nifong of Los Angeles advertising the act "The Leaps of Death". The article stated the act was by the only blind man who hangs himself for a living, makes a 35 foot drop with nooskman knot around neck with flashy aerial display, best of wardrobe, experience, A-1 equipment for small circus or carnival.

✓  
100-138754-A "DW", 1/16/47  
(28)

Bernard Rubin's column in the "DW" of 1/22/47 refers to Derrick Carter in connection with the report of Walter Winchell that Carter of the "London Daily Worker" was on his way into the South to carry on Communist agitational work. Rubin corrected Winchell, stating the man's name was Derek Kartun and was actually on his way out of the South, on his way to London.

✓ Bureau memo, 3/3/47  
Re: Derek Kartun, wa.;  
IS-C  
100-347219-4  
(43)  
SI 100-347219-5  
(31)

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" of 1/27/47 written by Barnard Rubin. The article brought out that Father Coughlin had received Nazi cash for his propaganda activities - - according to documented evidence uncovered by the Budapest correspondent of the Hungarian newspaper "Magyar Jovo." Rubin stated the above facts were available to all American newspapers with correspondents in Turkey but they had never published it in their papers.

✓ 62-41602-A "DW", 1/27/47  
(22)

✓ The February, 1947 issue of "Salute" carried a masthead which contained among others, the name of Barnard Rubin as one of the contributing editors. The March, 1947 issue of "Salute" had dropped Rubin's name from its masthead.

The "DW" for 11/9/46 contained a picture of Rubin with a write-up of an interview authored by David Platt, "DW" reporter.

Rubin has used the aliases Ben Rubin, Ben Ruben and Benjamin Rubin.  
(no info. given)

NY rpt., 4/21/47  
Re: "Salute", 19 Park Place,  
NY City; IS-C  
100-344008-14  
(6, 18, 30)

In the "DW" for 2/4/47, Bernard Rubin stated "One aspect of J. David Stern's sale of the strike-bound Philadelphia Record hasn't, in my opinion, been sufficiently stressed. Pennsylvania, giant industrial state of the Nation, is now without a single newspaper - - which makes even a pretense of being liberal or progressive - - in any of its key cities."

MID rpt., 2/7/47  
100-7660-4278  
(40)

In a Bureau Memo reference was made to the column of Barnard Rubin appearing in the "DW" for 2/24/47 which reflected that Dorothy Thompson was being influenced by Paul Scheffer, a Nazi propagandist.

Bureau Memo, 2/26/47  
Re: Paul Scheffer  
65-3050-209  
(22)

In March, 1947 Joe Drill had requested the "DW" through Barnard Rubin, to give publicity to the meeting "Stars Entertain for Republican Spain" to be held by the American Committee for Spanish Freedom on 3/28/47 at Town Hall, Philadelphia.

✓  
Files of NY Office  
Philadelphia rpt., 2/10/48  
Re: American Committee for  
Spanish Freedom; IS-C  
100-332851-83 p. 18  
(30)

The March 1947 issue of "Salute", was to run an article "Bing Crosby's Decline," by Barnard Rubin which would be another CP attack on Crosby. (Usually reliable, probably true source.)

✓  
MID rpt., 1/24/47  
100-7660-4266  
(26)

Barnard Rubin reported in the "DW" (apparently in March, 1947) that the "Infantry Journal" was publishing "Ravage Repeats Ravage," a story by Toots Fajans, veteran of the Communist International Brigade in Spain, also known as the Lincoln Brigade.

✓  
MID rpt., 3/14/47  
100-7660-4316 p. 12  
(26)

Barnard Rubin reported (apparently in the "DW" in March, 1947) that the Knights of Columbus were spending \$3,500,000 on a series of 39 weekly broadcasts over "Mutual". He labeled the program "the most vicious scare hoax in the history of radio to terrify the progressive movement." Rubin stated the broadcasts would claim the CP planned to rise and capture NY City and that the claims would be backed up with "phony" documents signed by William Z. Foster and other CP leaders.

✓  
MID rpt., 3/7/47  
100-7660-4319 p. 6  
(26)

✓ A teletype was recovered from a trash cover on 3/5/47 on Tass News Agency, NY City as follows: "Wash Lt: Watch for any comment re Rubin assertion Worker today that US ships more arms than ever to Kuomintang via two Chinese companies operating through Latamerica. ES"

Regarding above, Barnard Rubin's column "Broadway Beat" appearing in the "DW" for that date reported that the biggest potential scandal in Washington was the suppressed news the US was sending more arms and war materials than ever before to the bankrupt Kuomintang Government of Chiang Kai-Shek.

✓  
Washington, D.C., rpt., 5/10/47  
Re: Tass News Agency, was.; IS-R  
100-183386-185 p. 9  
(29)

✓ As of 2/19/47, Richard Boyer had listed Sam Stilen and Bernard Rubin of the "DW" as two of his close associates who would assist in publicizing his book "The Dark Ship."

FOIA b. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100

The "DW" for 3/6/47 in Barnard Rubin's column "Broadway Beat" stated that the book "The Dark Ship" would be published on 5/6/47, by Little, Brown and Company.

✓ NY rpt., 8/20/48  
Re: Richard Owen Boyer,  
was.; SH-C  
100-3341-48 p. 5, 7  
(25, 39)  
SI as 1st para. above  
100-3341-38  
(39)

On 3/6/47 Barnard Rubin, in his column in "The Worker", commented on the fact that William Moden, Negro employee at General Mills, Minneapolis, received an autographed picture of the General Mills board of directors on his retirement after 44 years of service. Rubin stated the picture was all the reward Moden received on his retirement.

✓ St. Paul rpt., 4/19/49  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-17-462 p. 29  
(24)

The "DW" for 3/13/47 carried an article entitled "From Veterans of 2 Wars" which stated "As Americans who fought fascism in Spain and on battlefields of World War II Secretary Schwollenbach's proposal to outlaw the CP has a familiar ring ..... Schwollenbach's proposal is a danger signal for democracy which America cannot ignore." This article carried a list of veterans who backed the article and Cpl. Barnard Rubin's name was among them.

✓ 100-7060-A "DW", 3/13/47  
(26)

On 3/14/47 members of the "DW" staff signed a telegram to Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach in Washington, D.C. The telegram was as follows: "We are members of the "DW" staff are Communists and veterans. We append our serial numbers and war records. We would like to know if you would deny us our rights as American citizens. Please wire collect."

One of the signers to the telegram was Barnard Rubin, 33837353, 169th Reg. Combat Team, 43 Infantry Division. Fought in New Guinea, Luzon as machine gunner. Awarded bronze star.

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✓ [redacted] and "DW", 3/14/47

NY rpt., 5/27/48

Re: Solomon Auerbach, was.;

SM-C

100-28831-65

(27)

The NY "PM" for 4/30/47 carried an ad headed "Arts, Sciences and Professions for May Day," which advertised for people to march in the May Day Parade in NY City. Barnard Rubin was listed as one of the sponsors.

100-338892-A, NY "PM", 4/30/47  
(30)

"Counterattack" for 7/24/53 stated that at the time of the 1947 May Day Parade, Barnard Rubin brought out in his "DW" column that Lou Polan who had played a part in the CBS TV network program "The Web" on 4/12/53, would "traverse the May Day Parade in an open, horse-drawn victoria."

Bureau memo, 7/28/53 with encl. of "Counterattack"

✓ Re: American Business Consultants, Inc. Counterattack, Info. Concerning 100-350512-539

(31)



According to "Counterattack" of 7/22/49, Wm. M. Sweets helped sponsor the May Day Parade in 1947 along with Barnard Rubin and other Communists.

NY Memo, 7/29/49 with encl. of  
"Counterattack" as above  
Re: American Business Consultants,  
Inc. Counterattack; Info. Concerning  
100-350512-254  
(31)

In Barnard Rubin's column "Broadway Beat" for 5/5/47, he gave the results of the elections in the "DW" unit of the American Newspaper Guild.

✓  
NY rpt., 12/13/47  
Re: Freedom of the  
Press Co., Inc.;  
IS-C  
97-401-247 p. 4  
(23)  
SI 100-402855-2  
(44)

On 5/6/47 Barnard Rubin commented in his "DW" column that at a dinner given in honor of Jo Davidson, the famous sculptor and liberal, she was presented with a gold fountain pen. As everyone was remarking on the beauty of the pen, Zero Mostel stated "And it won't write under Fascism."

✓  
NY rpt., 9/12/49  
Re: Samuel Joel Mostel,  
wa. Zero Mostel; SM-C  
100-209341-14 p. 6  
(29)

Barnard Rubin, veteran on the "DW" staff, was a delegate to the First National Encampment of CP Veterans held at Turner's Auditorium, Washington, D.C. on May 8-10, 1947.

✓  
Inft. not identified  
Infts. rpt. dated  
Washington, D.C., 5/8-10/47  
100-3-73-145  
(25)  
SI 100-3-73-137 p. 41 ("DW", 5/8/47)  
(25)  
SI 100-3-73-A ("DW", 5/8/47)  
(25)

This reference is a clipping of the 5/27/47 "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin. In the article Rubin mentions a new 25 cent edition of Albert Kahn's and Michael Sayers' book "The Great Conspiracy" coming out 6/10/47 which would bring out news about Arnold Rechberg whom Rubin claimed was a powerful Nazi.

✓  
100-74021-A "DW", 5/27/47  
(27)

The American Legion "Summary of Trends and Developments" for June, 1947, stated that Barnard Rubin, whom General Mac Arthur had bounced off the Tokyo edition of "Stars and Stripes", had recently reported that Madame Novikov, wife of the Soviet Ambassador to the U.S., had won a rhumba contest at a ritzy Miami Beach Hotel. Rubin evidently does not read "Izvestia" because that Soviet government official organ reported that "all tangoes, foxtrots and blues dances had been banned in Vladivostak" by the authorities.

✓  
Summary as above, published by  
The American Legion National  
Headquarters, Indianapolis  
94-1-17998-831  
(23)

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin for 6/5/47 in which he brought out that Herbert Hoover was to choose the man to head the Truman Doctrine Mission to Greece and Turkey.

✓ 61-4478-396  
(22)

The 6/13/47 issue of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin, pointed out that Paul Robeson, noted Negro singer, had a new song dedicated to him by a Bernie Asbel and that the song "went over big" in Chicago.

✓ Washington, D.C. rpt., 6/8/50  
Re: Bernard Lazar Asbel, was.;  
SM-C  
100-387699-5 p. 5  
(32)

The "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin for 6/17/47 refers to a George A. Gregorieff, assistant Military Attache in Athens. The article stated Gregorieff was one of the organizers of the White Russian clique which fought the Soviet Government. It was not known if the mentioned Gregorieff was identical to the husband of Mara Gregorieff, contact of Zoro Sigl, whose name was George A. Gregorieff.

✓ Buffalo rpt., 7/21/50  
Re: Zoro Stoyloff Sigl was.;  
Esp.-R and Bulgarian  
100-358774-155 p. 22  
(31)  
SI 100-358774-199  
(43)

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" of 6/17/47 written by Barnard Rubin. In the article he states that the reason the Soviet Union didn't trust our "striped-pants boys" implicitly was because at least two of our attaches were sons of a leading General of the Czarist Imperial Army and were against the young Soviet government.

✓ 100-3-81-A "DW", 6/17/47  
(25)

FOIA b 7 D

On 7/1/47 [redacted] supplied a list of telephone extension numbers for employees and officers of the "DW" in NY City. The name of Barney Rubin, extension 9, 54 appeared on the list.

✓ NY letter, 9/13/47  
Re: "DW"; IS-C  
61-4478-403  
(46)

In testimony of Walter Steele, regarding CP activity in the US, on 7/21/47, in Washington, D.C. he stated Barnard Rubin was one who had contributed to the "DW" and "Worker" within the past few months.

✓ Copy of Hearings before the HCUA  
enclosed with letter from  
Walter S. Steele of "National  
Republic", Washington, D.C., 10/9/47  
100-3-2192 encl. p. 43  
(24)

As of 7/23/47 Walter S. Steele, representing 85 patriotic societies of the American coalition and for 25 years an investigator of the Communist conspiracy in America, presented 300 pages of testimony documented with exhibits from Communist sources before the HCUA. In the testimony was a list of Communists and Communist sympathizers in the armed forces during World War II which included Bernard Rubin, on the staff of "Stars and Stripes" and then with the "DW".

✓ NY "Journal American," 7/23/47  
100-2267-A  
(39)

✓ On 7/27/47 Shuji Fujii of NY City, wrote a letter to Barnard Rubin in which he offered his services to translate Shiga's part of "Eighteen Years in Prison" by Tokuda and Shiga if a digest form would suffice. Fujii asked Rubin to advise what sort of information he was interested in, in case his proposition was satisfactory, so the digest would be useful...

The "DW" for 11/9/46 described Rubin with alias Benjamin Rubin as a reporter for labor newspapers and a former operator of a book store in the Bronx. Rubin was at that time working on a book entitled "Betrayal in Japan."

✓ The "DW" for 12/14/46 announced a new column "Broadway Beat" by Rubin, to begin 12/16/46.

The "DW" for 2/2/47 reported that Rubin was to speak on "The Betrayal of Japan" at a forum at Brighton Community Center, Brooklyn.

NY rpt., 2/28/49  
Re: Shuji Fujii, was; IS-R  
100-2923-149 p. 2, 3, 4  
(5, 25)

In the September, 1947 issue of "Plain Talk" there was an article written by Freda Utley in which was implied that Edgar Snow, associate editor of the "Saturday Evening Post" knew Barnard Rubin who had been ousted by General Mac Arthur in February, 1946, as an editor of the Tokyo "Stars and Stripes" on the charge that he was a Communist. It was not known how Snow had met Rubin. After Rubin returned home from the Army, he applied for a Guggenheim fellowship and Snow recommended Rubin for the fellowship.

✓  
NY Memo, 9/13/47 with encl. of  
"Plain Talk"  
Re: "Plain Talk"; Misc.  
94-36511-65 p. 9 encl.  
(23)

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin for 9/3/47 in which he stated that show business was then on the receiving end of Fascist and anti-Semitic propaganda. The Arthur Murray dance studio strikers were the victims in that Murray's personnel manager was distributing anti-union literature written by Joe Kamp of the Constitutional Educational League to the dance instructors.

✓  
61-10355-A "DW", 9/3/47  
(36)

The "DW" for 9/11/47 in the column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin, printed a reproduction of a handbill gotten out by the KKK in Knoxville, inviting the public to attend a KKK picnic at Fountain City on Labor Day, 9/1/47.

Rubin, in commenting on this, stated that the KKK was out in the open again and had jumped on the Truman administration's anti-Communist bandwagon, encouraged by the conspicuous absence of activity by J. Edgar Hoover and his FBI against the peddlers of race hatred.

✓ Knoxville rpt., 1/13/48  
Re: Ku Klux Klan, was.;  
IS-X  
100-7801-481 p. 5  
(26)

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" of 10/1/47 written by Barnard Rubin. He brought out about an argument which took place between Herschel Johnson, US delegate to the UN and a top British UN man. The top British man had remarked that in case of a US war with Russia, England would be neutral.

✓ 100-3-80-A "DW", 10/1/47  
(25)

The American Legion "Summary of Trends and Developments" for 10/1/47 contains an article on "Clarkton - - Latest Howard Fast Novel". The article states that all Legionnaires had been alerted to the latest novel by Fast entitled "Clarkton", about which Barnard Rubin, in his "DW" column, bemoaned the fact that sales were very disappointing. Rubin stated that wholesale buyers were refusing to handle the book which meant that there was "a campaign to prevent America's book-reading public from reading any books on Communists which does not slander them."

✓ Summary as above published by  
The American Legion National  
Headquarters, Indianapolis  
94-1-17998-833  
(23)  
SI 94-1-17998-769  
(22)

This reference is a clipping of the 10/2/47 "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin. In this column Rubin stated that in spite of Eric Johnston's statement to the HCUA that the movie industry would be glad to cooperate, the fact was that Hollywood was not happily united behind Johnston's line. Many of the Hollywood industry big wheels disliked Johnston and felt he was using Hollywood to further his own ambitions.

✓ 100-138754-A "DW", 10/2/47  
(28)

"The Worker" for 10/5/47 carried an article stating that beginning with that issue the paper would add several new features, one being a column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin.

✓ 97-401-A "The Worker", 10/5/47  
(23)

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" of 10/8/47 written by Barnard Rubin. The article quotes from the text of Truman's Loyalty Order and compares it with the text of Hitler's "Law for the Reinstatement of the (Nazi government) Civil Service of April 7, 1933."

✓ 100-3-83-A "DW", 10/8/47  
(25)



On 10/20/47 [ ] furnished a pay envelope for Bernard Rubin for the net amount of \$64.85 from Freedom of the Press, Incorporated, NY City.

✓ NY letter, 1/10/48  
Re: CP, Dist. 2; SM-C  
100-3-4-6162 p. 57  
(37)

The "DW" for 10/24/47 printed a letter from Dave Clancy, of Brooklyn to the editor, DW, in which he expressed thanks for coming out with a paper that had punch to it. He also commented that now he could read his "Broadway stuff" by Barnard Rubin.

✓ 97-401-A "DW", 10/24/47  
(23)

This reference contains a report by Fred Woltman dated 1/12/48 which stated in part that in November, 1947, Barnard Rubin was one of the speakers at a joint conference of the Civil Rights Congress and the NY Committee to Win the Peace, apparently held in NY City.

✓ Encl. to Bureau memo, 7/30/48  
Re: Front Organizations; SM-C  
100-7254-255  
(26)

The American Legion "Summary of Trends and Developments" for 11/1/47 under the heading "The Lighter Side - - Quips and Bits" carried the statement "DW" columnist Barnard Rubin -- booted off the Tokio Stars and Stripes for being a Communist -- quips that the present red witch-hunting hysteria is the natural result of 'delirium-Trumans'."

Summary as above published by  
The American Legion National  
Headquarters, Indianapolis  
94-1-17998-786  
(22)  
SI 94-1-17998-783  
(22)

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin for 11/3/47 in which he stated that Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt had been speaking a good deal at the UN about the free press. He stated that in one issue of the "World-Telegram" which carried Mrs. Roosevelt's column, she had criticized Gov. Dewey in regard to the discontinuance of the child care centers in NY and her column was pulled out of the paper.

61-4478-A "DW", 11/3/47  
(22)

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin for 11/4/47, in which he stated that the "New York Times" of 11/1/47 had devoted a column to a story headed "Sampson Likens "PR" to Hitler Law". The article stated that Frank Sampson, leader of Tammany, urged repeal of "PR" (not identified).

61-4478-A "DW", 11/4/47  
(22)

This reference is a clipping of a letter which appeared in the "DW", applauding the "DW" feature pages, with special applause to Barnard Rubin and others who wrote in the entertainment section. The letter was from Philadelphia and signed by F. Taylor.

✓ 61-4478-A "DW", 11/10/47  
(22)

FOIA b 7 D

[redacted] made available to the NY Office a typewritten letter dated 11/25/47 to Barnard Rubin, signed "Comradely yours, Cy Edelman," Rockaway Beach, NY, advising Rubin of a few items for the "DW". This letter was obtained by Informant from the office building of the "DW", and care should be taken so the existence of this source will not become known to an outside agency.

✓ Enclosure behind file to  
NY Memo, 1/12/49  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-4-6560-encl. p. 24  
(24)

On 11/27/47 William Levner contacted Bernard Rubin of the "DW" staff concerning the American Jewish Labor Council.

✓ [redacted]  
NY rpt., 7/12/50  
Re: William Levner,  
wa.; SM-C  
100-179916-4 p. 4  
(41)

The "DW" for 12/8/47 published a letter dated 11/30/47, which Barnard Rubin had received from Bob Hall in London. The letter discussed the reception afforded certain plays and movies of American origin in London. Hall also discussed the reception of prominent American actors who were in London at that time.

✓ Washington, D.C. rpt., 7/14/48  
Re: Robert Fowler Hall, was.;  
IS-C  
100-7219-130  
(26)

FOIA b. 7 D

Barnard Rubin advised [redacted] that on several occasions during 1947 and 1948 he had received letters from a Mike Hecht, 510 E. 75th Street, Chicago. Hecht had also asked Rubin to review an article which he (Hecht) had written on Arthur Miller's "All My Sons."

✓ Chicago rpt., 5/6/49  
Re: Myer Harold Hecht, was.;  
SM-C  
100-361611-2  
(32)  
SI 100-361611-16 p. 29  
(43)

In 1948, Donald Cameron attempted to further the sale of Barrows Dunham's book "Man Against Myth", and wrote to Bernard Rubin suggesting that Rubin write about the book in his "DW" column.

✓ [redacted]  
Boston rpt., 11/19/48  
Re: Donald Angus Cameron;  
IS-C  
100-342893-40  
(42)

Barney Rubin's name appeared in a list of Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade which appeared in Volume 10, 1948 "Volunteer for Liberty".

✓  
NY rpt., 5/26/49  
Re: Veterans of the  
Abraham Lincoln Brigade;  
IS-C and R  
100-7060-494 p. 31  
(47)

"Plain Talk" for January, 1948, under the section "News from the Capital" carried an item which stated "Barnard Rubin, now a fire-snorting columnist for the "DW", is frothing over the fact that present editors of 'Stars and Stripes' are not running the same Communist propaganda he used to write before General Mac Arthur kicked him off the staff of that paper. Rubin once denied vehemently, charges that he was pro-Stalinist."

✓  
NY Memo, 1/10/48 with encl. of  
"Plain Talk" as above  
Re: Plain Talk; Info. Concerning  
94-36511-75 p. 36 of encl.  
(23)

This reference is a clipping of the 1/12/48 "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin. Rubin stated in this column that former Nazi stormtroopers in the American section of Berlin had been mobilized into an industrial police outfit in accordance with US Army military instructions - - the purpose of which would be - - strike-breaking.

✓  
100-195220-A "DW", 1/12/48  
(29)

This reference contains as an enclosure, an advertisement ~~given out~~ by "Friends of Democracy, Incorporated, 137 East 57th Street, NY City, which advertisement is on the book "The Plotters" by John Roy Carlson. According to this advertisement, the "DW" of 2/12/45 and 6/15/46 contained articles denouncing Carlson and upon publication of "The Plotters" Barnard Rubin and other CP writers wrote articles against Carlson.

✓ Letter from John Roy Carlson on letterhead of Friends of Democracy, Inc., of 1/23/48 with encl. as above 100-28165-313 encl.  
(27)

On 1/28/48 [ ] advised that through a conversation with Barnard Rubin and Ira Wallach he learned that the "Ted Tinsley" column in the "DW" was being written by Ira Wallach.

✓ NY Memo, 2/2/48  
Re: Ted Tinsley;  
SM-C  
100-179959-12  
(28)

FOIA b 7 D

On 1/31/48 Joy Clark wrote to [ ] In the letter Clark asked if Informant had noticed "in Barnard Rubin's column the other day where American military personnel in Greece are not all at the front?"

✓ Boston rpt., 4/14/48  
Re: Joy Clark, was.;  
IS-C  
100-50429-52 p. 14  
(27)

In early 1948 W. J. Hutcheson, employee of the "News Journal", NY City, wrote a letter to Bernard Rubin, of the "DW", enclosing a contribution to the "party drive".

[REDACTED]

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Baltimore rpt., 2/23/51  
Re: Norman Austin Bunin;  
Sp. Inq. State Dept.; VOA  
123-8534-10  
(45)

The "Michigan Herald" for 2/8/48 carried an article headed "Worker-Herald is what Michigan Needs". The article tells of the merger of the "DW" and "Michigan Herald" which will give the best in news coverage. One of the columnists to appear in the new paper would be Barnard Rubin.

100-347207-A "Mich. Herald," 2/8/48  
(31)

Rose Olson had been in contact with Barnard Rubin of the "DW". (Nature of contact not stated) [REDACTED] 2/12/48)

NY rpt., 4/27/49  
Re: Rose Ruth Olson, wa.; SM-C  
100-335802-4  
(30)

This reference is a clipping of the 2/12/48 "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin in which he states that 20th Century Fox and the potential exhibitors of its war-mongering film, "The Iron Curtain" may not know it, but if and when the movie is shown publicly, they may have a lot of unexpected financial difficulties in the form of libel suits.

✓  
100-138754-A "DW", 2/12/48  
(28)

This reference is a clipping of the 3/2/48 "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin in which he stated that the concentration camp at Muenster, Germany (British Occupation Zone) was being used for a training and embarkation center for former Nazi troops. The idea was to ship the troops to Greece to engage again in their old murderous habit - - this time for the Marshall Plan.

✓  
100-138754-A "DW", 3/2/48  
(28)

Barnard Rubin received a letter from Margaret Adler dated 3/8/48 in which she enclosed a press release of "Die Fledermans" (The Bat) for aid to Freier Deutscher Kulturbund in the Soviet occupied zone of Germany.

FOIA b 7  

✓  
NY rpt., 2/10/49  
Re: The German American, Inc.;  
IS-C  
100-279704-143 p. 7  
(29)  
SI 100-333702-4  
(30)



Under date of 3/12/48 Lillian Brill Clott wrote a typewritten letter to Barnard Rubin, 50 East 13th Street, NY City.

✓  
Washington, D.C. memo, 6/21/49  
Re: Lillian Brill Clott, was.;  
IS-Hu  
100-34447-58  
(27)

FOIA b 7 D

Barnard Rubin informed [redacted] on 3/23/48 that a thousand writers, painters and actors had a meeting at which Albert Maltz spoke on "The American Artist and the American Freedom Tradition." Rubin stated that at this meeting an anti-censorship committee was formed, the purpose of which was to campaign on a national scale against the HCUA, the Tenny Committee of California and to fight against the Dewey plan to establish a like committee in NY State. Maltz was to be the link between the CP and the anti-censorship committee.

✓  
NY rpt., 9/29/48  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-2768 p. 100  
(24)  
SI 62-78494-5 p. 7  
(36)  
SI 62-78494-79  
(36)  
SI 100-2245-7  
(25)  
SI 100-138754-510 p. 2  
(28)  
SI 100-210139-6 p. 7  
(42)  
SI 100-363597-9  
(32)  
SI 100-370937-4 p. 27  
(32)  
SI 100-3-4-6474 p. 51  
(24)

✓ On 4/16/48 Michael Freilich wrote to Bernard Rubin and asked him to attend an art exhibition at 51 Greenwich Avenue, NY City, and request space in the "DU". FOIA b 7 D

Edna Powers, Supervisor of Associated Hospital Service, advised that Rubin was employed as a writer for Freedom of the Press, Incorporated, and had been so employed since 1946.

✓ NY rpt., 8/13/53  
Re: Michael Leon  
Freilich, was.; SM-C  
100-403866-1 p. 6  
(44)  
SI 100-3-4-6538 p. 39  
(24)

On April 23 (probably 1948) Arthur Behrstock wrote a letter to Bernie (believed to be Barnard Rubin) <sup>which</sup> requested Bernie to plug a book written by Behrstock's friend, Sam Ross, by mentioning the book in his (Rubin's) column. Behrstock thought the book was worth a plug since it exposed "the get-rich-quick myth in America."

✓   
NY rpt., 3/8/49  
Re: Arthur Behrstock; SM-C  
100-3232-16  
(25)

✓ In Barnard Rubin's column "Broadway Beat" in the "DU" for 5/11/48, he stated that William O'Dell Nowell was a confidential aide of Gerald L. K. Smith. Rubin further stated that Nowell at that time was an informer and star witness for the HCUA and also "one of J. Edgar (FBI) Hoover's most trusted agents."

A clipping of the column was attached to this reference.

✓  
Bureau Memo, 5/12/48  
Re: William O'Dell Nowell;  
Conf. Inft.  
100-351123-4  
(31)

Arthur Weld wrote a letter to Bernard Rubin, Cultural Department of "DW", NY City, in which Weld stated he thought the "DW" should have more "opinion pieces" which would result in "keeping us alert to the role of well known or prominent persons in the literary scene."

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✓  
(D) [redacted] 5/24/48  
NY rpt., 8/25/52  
Re: Arthur Winston  
Weld, wa.; SM-C  
100-24425-37  
(40)

Seymour Edelman contacted Barnard Rubin in connection with Rubin's "DW" column. He stated he thought Rubin's column was very good and furnished him with a few suggestions.

✓  
[redacted] 5/24/48)  
NY rpt., 5/24/50  
Re: Seymour Edelman, was.;  
SM-C  
100-369476-1  
(32)

On 6/2/48 Evelyn Goldstein wrote a letter to Barnard Rubin care of the "DW", NY City, in which she enclosed a news item which had appeared in a local newspaper at Gloversville, NY. (Contents of the news item not given)

FOIA b (7) (D)

✓ Albany rpt., 10/26/49  
Re: Evelyn Goldstein, wa.;  
IS-C  
100-333373-40  
(30)

On 7/8/48 [ ] advised that Saul Rubin had worked for his brother, Barnard Rubin, author of the "DW" column, "Broadway Beat".

✓ NY rpt., 5/2/49  
Re: Saul Rubin, wa.;  
SM-C  
100-348125-2  
(31)  
SI 100-348125-3  
(31)  
SI 100-348125-5  
(43)  
SI 100-348125-10  
(43)  
SI 100-348125-15  
(43)

Barnard Rubin in his column "Broadway Beat" in the "DW" of 9/13/48, extended his congratulations to Carl and Fay Caller Vedro on the birth of their son, Stephen.

✓ NY rpt., 2/23/49  
Re: Mrs. Carl Vedro, was.; IS-C  
100-13939-38 p. 3, 14  
(27)

The "DW" of 9/13/48 in an article by Barnard Rubin, reported that "The Salem Story" by Sid Alexander put on by Stage for Action, had won the Stamford University Maxwell Anderson Award for the best full-length drama of the year.

✓ NY rpt., 2/17/49  
Re: Stage for Action,  
Inc.; IS-C  
100-34918-41, p. 26  
(27)

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin for 9/29/48 in which he stated that J. Edgar Hoover's FBI men had been visiting editors of various magazines slanted for the youth trade. He stated that the purpose of these visits was to have the editors run articles warning the youth to keep away from such groups as American Youth for Democracy and the Wallace movement in schools and universities.

✓ 61-4478-A "DW", 9/29/48  
(22)

This reference is a clipping of the 10/20/48 "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin in which he stated that the GOP campaign strategy was well illustrated recently with the true story of the Republican Congress who had misgivings about the hysterical red-baiting witch-hunt.

✓ 100-138754-A "DW", 10/20/48  
(28)

✓ In Barnard Rubin's column "Broadway Beat" of 10/27/48 he stated that "Life" magazine had telegraphed French photographers offering them 10,000 francs for six photographs showing violence by the French coal miners.

✓ 61-3176-A "DW", 10/27/48  
(21)

As of November, 1948, Barnard Rubin was carried in the NY security indices as a potential saboteur. He was listed as a member of the CP, and the reason used as a basis for selecting him to the security index was that he was a Veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and a Veteran of World War II.

✓ NY letter, 11/2/48  
Re: COMSAB; IS-C and R  
98-6187-133 p. 7  
(23)

Sylvan Silberman wrote to Barnard Rubin in December, 1948 requesting that a copy of the "Sunday Worker" be contributed and sent air mail to Bill Wood of the "Tribune", Sydney, Australia.

FOIA b 7 D

Rubin was among the sponsors of the Conference on Constitutional Liberties of America, a Communist inspired conference called at Washington, D.C., 6/7-9/40. (California Legislature, Fourth Report of the Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities.)

✓  
Baltimore rpt., 1/14/52  
Re: Sylvan Sidney Silberman,  
was.; SM-C  
100-363872-13 p. 10  
(32)  
SI 1st par. above  
100-363872-1  
(32)  
SI 1st par. above  
100-363872-23  
(32)

A list of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade residing in the NY City area as of December, 1948 contained the name Ben Rubin, 1152 Third Avenue.  
(no Inft. given)

✓  
NY rpt., 12/24/48  
Re: Veterans of the  
Abraham Lincoln Brigade;  
IS-C and R  
100-7060-473 p. 37  
(13)

Bernard Rubin reported in his column in the "DW" that the "Washington Post" on 12/7/48 had the following headlines next to one another:

"Dr. Reuter New Lord Mayor of Berlin,  
Symbolic of Democratic Courage in City" and  
"German Mind not Changed Luckman Says"

The above appeared in the "German American" of 12/21/48 which was translated from German.

✓  
Memo to Philadelphia, 3/28/49  
with encl. of translation  
Re: The German American; IS-C  
100-279704-142 encl. p. 40  
(42)

✓  
On 12/14/48 one Larry (not identified) wrote a letter to Bernard Rubin on Jewish Labor Bazaar stationery. The letter requested that the "DW" correct a statement made by them to the effect that the United Packinghouse Workers had made an outright gift of a 2000 pound steer to be barbecued and sold at the Jewish Labor Bazaar Restaurant. The letter stated the United Packinghouse Workers had merely assisted in arranging for an individual donor who presented the steer.

On 11/27/47 William Leuner, Director of Organization of the American Jewish Labor Council, wrote to Rubin enclosing suggestions as per a previous conversation in Rubin's office.

FOIA b 7 - D  
[redacted]

✓  
NY rpt., 9/30/49  
Re: American Jewish Labor  
Council, wa.; IS-C  
100-341898-80 p. 10, 69  
(42)



In the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" edited by Barnard Rubin, on 12/20/48, Rubin set out a warning to "intellectuals, artists and the public generally" that Carleton Smith, Director of the National Arts Foundation, had proposed a government subsidy of the arts. Rubin branded that as a scheme to further the war propaganda of Wall Street and the Big Brass.

✓  
NY rpt., 2/14/49  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-2916-p. 104  
(24)  
SI 100-3-4-6577 p. 73  
(24)

✓ The "DW" of 12/12/48 in its column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin reported that Actors Equity had a membership of 5,889. The column also stated that the American Federation of Musicians - - AFL had a membership of 237,000.

✓ Rubin in his "DW" column for 12/30/48 stated that American Guild of Musical Artists - - AFL had a membership of 1,900. In Rubin's column of 12/18/48 he reported that the American Guild of Variety Artists - - AFL had 1,465 members.

✓ In Rubin's column of 12/28/48 he reported that the Radio and Television Directors Guild had 290 members. Also Rubin stated that the Radio Writers Guild membership was 1,800.

NY rpt., 11/30/49  
Re: Cominfil Radio-Television  
Industry; IS-C  
100-340922-200 p. 17,18,21,22,24,27  
(30)  
SI 3rd par. above  
123-12991-7  
(45)

An undated memo from E. G. Flynn (believed to be Elizabeth Gurley Flynn) to committee on "DW" which was furnished on 12/30/48 to Bureau Agent in NY City, set forth her ideas and criticisms of the "DW" and "Worker". Regarding Bernard Rubin, she stated that his column was no longer a novelty. FOIA b 7 [redacted]

A review of the "DW" and "Worker" reflected that Rubin's column "Broadway Beat" did not appear after 6/17/48 but reappeared on 9/7/48.

As of 6/30/48 R. Rubin's name appeared on a list of employees of the Freedom of the Press Co., Inc., NY City.  
(NY State Dept. of Labor)

✓  
NY rpt., 2/1/49  
Re: Freedom of the  
Press Co., Inc.; IS-C  
97-401-290 p. 3, 8, 16  
(37)

✓ Bernard Rubin, "DW" Columnist was issued a press card by the NY City Police Department for 1949. Rubin was also a speaker for the "DW". (Frank Doyle, Security Off., NY City P.D.)

Rubin received a weekly expense check from the "DW".  
(No date given; [redacted])

✓  
NY rpt., 11/18/49  
Re: Freedom of the  
Press Co., Inc.; IS-C  
97-401-360 P. 26, 34, 46  
(37)

Martin Lewis ~~had~~ sent a letter to Bernard Rubin, criticizing an article written by Rubin which had appeared in the "DW".

FOIA b 7) (D) [redacted] 1/7/49)

✓ Chicago rpt., 10/17/49  
Re: Martin Deming Lewis;  
IS-C  
100-362623-4  
(43)

On 1/8/49 Helen Wortis of the Congress of American Women urged Bernard Rubin to give space in his "DW" column to the new Polish picture "The Last Stop".

✓ [redacted]  
NY rpt., 5/25/49  
Re: Congress of  
American Women; IS-C  
100-344442-155 p. 35  
(42)

Fred Woltman, staff writer for the "New York World Telegram and Sun" made available to the NY Office material which he had prepared regarding Harlow Shapley. Among the material was a memorandum dated 1/12/49 listing Communist front activities of Shapley in which it was brought out that the play "How I Wonder" by Donald Stewart, was based partly on the life of Shapley. According to Bernard Rubin, the play portrayed the "conflict which faces top modern scientists; science in an ivory tower versus science battling for the common man."

✓ NY Memo, 1/27/50 with encl.  
of memo as above  
Re: Harlow Shapley; IS-C  
100-341825-260  
(30)

On 1/28/49 Shaemas O'Sheel informed Barney Rubin that he, O'Sheel, had been engaged in writing and speaking for the Wallace campaign.

FOIA(b)(7) D

NY rpt., 3/10/50

✓  
Re: Shaemas O'Sheel,  
was.; SM-C  
100-14985-22  
(47)

In February, 1949, Howard Fast advised Bernard Rubin of the "DW" that he considered the "Committees of Correspondence" to be a worthy cause, and one which should be pushed in Rubin's "DW" column.

FOIA(b)(7) D

Albany Memo, 3/24/53

✓  
Re: Cinrad, IS-R  
100-190625-4462  
(41)

FOIA(b) 1

Richard Lawrence Deverall wrote in a letter on 2/10/49 that when he was on his way home (from Japan after being in the Army) he stopped off in California and found out that Bernard Rubin, formerly of "Stars and Stripes", then worked for the "DW".

✓  
Bureau Memo, 5/5/49  
Re: Communist Activity by  
US Citizens in Japan;  
Richard Lawrence Grace  
Deverall, Inft.  
100-362853-1  
(44)

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin for 2/18/49 in which he stated that there was a Jesuit School in Rome for training agents to be sent into the Soviet Union.

✓  
61-4478-A "DW", 2/18/49  
(22)

On 2/21/49 Forrest Payne, Field Organizer of the United Electric-CIO, Warren, Ohio, requested information on the acquisition of skits and labor plays from Barnard Rubin in care of the "DW", NY City.

✓  
FOIA b 7 D

Cleveland rpt., 1/24/50  
Re: Forrest Woodson Payne;  
SM-C  
100-50021-30  
(27)

On the 8th floor of the CP headquarters building at 35 E. 12th Street, NY City, Barnard Rubin, Columnist for "DW" and an employee of Freedom of the Press Company, Inc., had an office, as of March, 1949.

FOIA(b (7) (D)

✓ NY memo, 3/17/49

Re: CP, USA, Organizations; IS-C  
100-3-69-450

(25)

SI 97-401-294

(23)

The June, 1949 issue of "Plain Talk" carried an article "Kilkenny Alley" in which it was brought out that in the DW of 3/31/49, Barnard Rubin had alleged that Soviet culture was the highest on earth. He wrote: "There is no anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union today....All the people live in friendship; the Party helps and encourages all to develop their culture."

✓ Encl. of "Plain Talk" as above  
with NY memo, 6/6/49

Re: "Plain Talk"; Info. Concerning  
94-401-102, encl. p. 27  
(23)

✓ The 8th CP District (Illinois and Kentucky) Committee met on 3/23/49 at district headquarters, Chicago. At this meeting Claude Lightfoot, District 8 CP Legislative Director, stated that just the week before some columnist in the "DW" (Barnard Rubin, who also writes theater reviews under the name Lee Newton) had written a story to the effect that Fred Fine had organized some 500 people to go to Springfield. The story had a bad effect upon people who were not CP members but who oppose the "Broyles bills". Lightfoot said the story had been corrected after a week but the harm had been done. (Fine was acting chairman of the Illinois CP.)

Fine claimed that Rubin's story had placed "them" in an embarrassing position before the legislative committees conducting hearings on the bills.

Lightfoot stated Rubin was still in Springfield and was coordinating the work of the CIO delegations.

✓ IDA rpt., 3/25/49  
100-3-14-3239  
(24)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin which appeared in the 3/24/49 "DW", stated that Johannes Steel, publisher of the "Report on World Affairs" newsletter, would start radio commentating over WLIB, NY City, on 4/3/49.

✓ NY rpt., 8/4/50  
Re: Johannes Steel,  
was.; SM-C  
100-2267-281 p. 14  
(25)

The "DW" carried a series of three articles by Barnard Rubin, first one on 3/25/49 entitled "Thoughts on the Cultural Struggle Today." The second article appeared on 3/28/49 and was entitled "Behind the Criticism of the Arts in USSR". The third article appeared on 3/31/49 and was entitled "Party Leadership and Culture in USSR". (Contents of articles set forth.)

✓ NY rpt., 5/17/49  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-3009 p. 109,110,111,112  
(24)  
SI 100-3-4-6665 p. 93,94,95,96  
(24)

The "DW" column "Broadway Beat" by Barnard Rubin, for 4/1/49 related to Progressive Party caravans. The caravans were for the purpose of presenting "progressive theater" and to have songs, skits and dances together with a one act play, if possible.

✓  
Charlotte rpt., 1/27/50  
Re: Progressive Party; IS-C  
100-357934-116 p. 5  
(31)

The fourth in a series of articles by Barnard Rubin appeared in the "DW" of 4/7/49 and entitled "Communist Party and 'Formalism' in USSR." The article stated that in the Soviet Union, the factories were owned by the people and production was for use and not profit.

✓  
111-1-240-A "DW", 4/7/49  
(34)

The "Saturday Review of Literature" issue of 4/9/49 stated that Barnard Rubin reported that Waldo Frank, prominent intellectual who visited Latin American countries, stated Latin American republics had liquidated their pasts and were candidates for citizenship in a new world. Rubin denounced Frank's article as a cultural front of the dollar invasion.

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NY rpt., 8/23/49  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-3068 p. 92, 93  
(24)  
SI 100-3-4-6720 p. 89, 90  
(24)



Under date of 4/18/49 Miriam Rappaport of the Foreign Film Club, wrote a letter to Barney Rubin reminding him of his promise to give the Foreign Film Club some publicity on the showing of the Italian resistance films "Two Anonymous Letters" and "Spanish Gypsies" scheduled for showing on 5/6/49 at the Yugoslav-American Hall, NY City.

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✓  
NY rpt., 11/8/49  
Re: The German American,  
Inc.; IS-C  
100-279704-161 p. 9  
(47)

This reference is a clipping from the 4/20/49 "DW" of an article by Barnard Rubin headed "Waldo Frank, Agent of Wall Street". Rubin stated in the article that Frank had been running all over Latin American countries with apparent approval of the State Department, agitating against Latin American armies.

✓  
100-259110-A "DW", 4/20/49  
(29)

This reference is a clipping from the 4/21/49 "DW" and a continuation of the article in the reference above. The article was headed "Waldo Frank and Cosmopolitanism". Rubin stated that for a time during the depression, Frank headed a progressive writers group. Now, however, Frank was trying to win Latin American youth away from the CP program.

✓  
100-259110-A 4/21/49  
(29)

Bernard Rubin of the "DW" staff was identified as having participated in the 1949 May Day Parade in NY City.

FOIA b7(D) [redacted]

NY rpt., 12/8/49  
Re: United May Day  
Committee, wa.; IS-C  
100-16912-123  
(40)

On 5/3/49 [redacted] furnished the NY Office with a letter on the stationery of the Jefferson Theater Workshop, and signed by Bill Peuzner, Cultural Director, to Barnard Rubin concerning plays scheduled which would be directed by Al and Anne Saxe.

✓  
NY letter, 10/19/49  
Re: CP, Dist. 2; SM-C  
100-3-4-6750  
(24)

Mike Hecht sent Barnard Rubin a critique on Arthur Miller's "Oh My Son" and a discussion on problems of Communist writers by himself and another Chicago Comrade.

[redacted] 5/13/49)

✓  
Chicago rpt., 1/12/50  
Re: Myer Harold Hecht, was.;  
SM-C  
100-361611-4  
(32)

Bernard Rubin, 50 E. 13th Street, NYC (DW office), corresponded with the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. and the appropriate Field Office was advised on 5/20/49.

✓  
No Inft. given  
Washington Field Memo, 5/20/49  
Re: Sodac; IS-R  
65-30092-3473  
(36)

This reference is a clipping of the "DW" column "Broadway Beat" of 5/27/49 written by Barnard Rubin. The article was entitled "The Big White Fog" in which he compared the Negroes with the white people.

✓  
100-3-75-A "DW", 5/27/49  
(25)

Harry Wartell, business representative in charge of art direction of Realty Players, NY City, wrote a letter on 5/31/49 to Barnard Rubin with which the writer stated he was enclosing a poem for publication in the "DW".

FOIA b 7 (D)

✓  
NY rpt., 8/13/51  
Re: Philine Kirkwood, was.;  
SM-C  
100-377972-6  
(33)  
SI 100-377972-19  
(33)

A group of Pacific war veterans, Barnard Rubin among them, urged full support to the picket line to be held at Foley Square, NY City, on 8/12/49, to demand the release of Henry Winston, CP official and his two co-defendants, Gil Green and Gus Hall.

100-1473-A "DW", 8/11/49  
(25)

✓ In the "DW" of 9/20/49 Barnard Rubin wrote on "How and Why the Theater is Dying". In the article, he noted that the number of theaters in NY City had steadily declined over the years.

✓ In a second article in the "DW" on 9/22/49, Rubin stated that the Broadway theater was free from working class ideas and that censorship was as complete as if the Un-American Activities Committee were the official censorship board.

✓ In Rubin's column in the "DW" of 9/15/49, he stated that the ruling class had never doubted that art was a weapon and the big lie that Communists utilize assassination was a factor on

the cultural front in the theater section with the production last season of Jean-Paul Sartre's play "Red Gloves", with the play being published in book form under the title "Dirty Hands".

✓  
NY rpt., 11/29/49  
Re: CP, Dist. 2; IS-C  
100-3-4-6760, p. 89, 91  
(24)  
SI 100-3-3156, p. 107, 109  
(24)

FOIA b 7 D

On 3/8/49 [ ] made available a letter which Stanley Applebaum wrote to Barnard Rubin, praising Rubins work as feature editor of the "DW" and requesting discussion of the play "The Big Knife". Rubin had been employed by the DW from 6/27/47 to 9/15/49.

✓  
NY rpt., 5/6/52  
Re: Stanley Jerome  
Applebaum; SM-C  
100-386600-5  
(33)

The "DV" for 10/5/49 carried an article by Bernard Rubin entitled "What Should Workers Believe About Hollywood?" In the article Rubin pointed out that to spread the illusion that a monopoly capital controlled industry would permit itself to produce films which would challenge its basic values was to spread the same kind of illusion "we" were combatting about the monopoly capital system itself. He stated the people must be educated to know that the Hollywood monopoly controlled film industry and its products were their enemy.

NY rpt., 1/19/50

Re: CP, USA; IS-C

100-3-3196, p. 98

(37)

SI 100-138754-A "DV", 10/5/49

(28)

SI 100-3-4-6782, p. 83

(24)

The NY Security Index contained the name Barnard Rubin of the CP, designated for priority consideration under the COMSAB program as of 10/5/49.

✓  
NY letter, 10/5/49  
Re: COMSAB; IS-C, R  
98-6187-227 p. 6  
(23)

On 10/24/49 Leon Friedman wrote a letter to Barnard Rubin, asking Rubin how he could get in touch with Canada Lee and King Cole. Friedman stated he was interested in writing music and thought Lee or Cole might be able to help him get his works published.

FOIA b 7 D

✓  
Baltimore rpt., 5/19/49  
Re: Leon Peace Friedman; SM-C  
100-182460-3  
(28)

On 12/14/49 Frantisek Vrba, Cultural Attache of the Czechoslovakian Consulate, NY City, talked with Harry Granick (not identified). Granick said that Barney Rubin had told him that Vrba was interested in seeing some scripts.

✓  
NY rpt., 3/12/52  
Re: Unknown Subj.,  
was. Gersten; Esp.-R and Cz  
65-60785-1 p. 8  
(47)

On 12/12/49 Frantisek Vrba attempted to confer with Mr. Rubin (possibly Barnard Rubin) of the "DW" in NY City without success.

On 12/14/49 Vrba conferred with Harry Granich in NY City who said that Barney Rubin had advised him (Granich) that Vrba was interested in seeing some scripts.

On 12/27/49 Lida Stojanova conferred with Herb Tank, "DW" writer, who indicated that Rubin had recommended a play, written by Tank, to Vrba.

FOIA b 7 D

NY rpt., 3/7/50

Re: Frantisek Bohumil

Vrba, wa.; IS-R and CZ

100-356461-13, p. 18, 19, 20

(31, 47)

SI 1st two par. above:

105-11768-13, p. 12 ( )

(34, 47)



"Counterattack" of 7/18/52 stated that Herbert Armstrong had taken part in productions of, and otherwise supported, three CP theatrical fronts, namely: New Playwrights, Stage for Action and Freedom Theater. He chaired meetings of New Playwrights in 1950 at which Barnard Rubin had spoken on the use of the theater for CP propaganda.

✓  
Bureau Memo, 7/29/52 with  
encl. of "Counterattack"  
Re: American Business  
Consultants, Inc. Counterattack;  
Info. Concerning  
100-350512-485  
(31)

The "DW" for 1/18/50 contained an article stating that the second lecture on the cultural front presented by the "DW" would take place on 1/22/50 at 77 Fifth Avenue, NY City. The subject of Rubin's lecture was to be "Socialist Realism, the Method of Marxist Critical and Cultural Work."

✓  
NY rpt., 6/12/50  
Re: CP, Dist. 2; IS-C  
100-3-4-6858 p. 73  
(38)  
SI 100-3-4-6827 p. 110  
(37)

Barnard Rubin wrote an article in the "DW" of 1/19/50 containing a review of the pamphlet entitled "Hungary - - Christian or Pagan." In the article Rubin praised Kenneth Leslie, editor, for his "brilliant and courageous editorship."

✓  
NY rpt., 4/19/50  
Re: CP, USA; IS-C  
100-3-3290 p. 183  
(24)  
SI 100-60523-128 p. 9 ("DW", 1/18/50)  
(40)

Mabel Pollock, fund raiser and organizer of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, wrote to Barnard Rubin of the "DW", NY City, asking if the "Daily" might have space before 1/24/50 to plug for a JAFRC play.

FOIA b 7 D

✓  
NY rpt., 5/8/50  
Re: Joint Anti-Fascist  
Refugee Committee; IS-C  
100-7061-1987 p. 13  
(26)

Barnard Rubin's "DW" lecture on Sunday evening, 1/29/50, at 77 Fifth Avenue, NY City, was to be on Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman".

✓  
100-74972-A "DW", 1/27/50  
(28)  
SI 100-74972-21 "DW", 1/29/50  
(28)

Barnard Rubin was to be the moderator at a forum held on 2/24/50 on "The Negro in the American Theater" sponsored by the Jefferson Theater Workshop, NY City.

✓  
[redacted]  
NY rpt., 5/15/50  
Re: Jefferson School of  
Social Science; IS-C  
100-227027-207 p. 45  
(29)

FOIA b 7 D

On 2/27/50 [redacted] furnished the NY Office a rough copy of a throwaway entitled "Topical Theater". This throwaway contained a pencilled notation addressed to "Dear Barney" (believed to be Bernard Rubin) which stated "Could you give us a little squib? We offer a real, non-memberistic chance to Workers, but they do not know of us! Please help us?"

✓  
NY rpt., 6/27/50  
Re: Topical Theater; IS-C  
100-368134-3  
(44)

✓  
Bernard Rubin was employed by Freedom of the Press, publishers of the "DW" in NY City, since November, 1946; born 4/7/15. He married Pearl Rubin on 9/1/46. He was author of the column "Broadway Beat" appearing in the "Worker" and "DW". (Miss Edna Powers, Supervisor, Associated Hospital Service, 26 Street and Lexington Ave., NY City.)

✓  
During February, 1950 Rubin was one individual who gave speeches on behalf of the "DW". [redacted]

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The Director of the Polish Research and Information Service in NY City invited Rubin to a reception on 3/3/50 at which Czeslaw Milosz, leading Polish writer and Cultural Attache, Polish Embassy in Washington, D.C., spoke on "The Writer in Present Day Poland". The reception was held at 250 West 57th Street, NY City. (FOIA b 7 D)

✓  
NY rpt., 6/20/50  
Re: Freedom of the  
Press Co., Inc.; IS-C  
97-401-381, p. 38, 45, 55  
(37)

The DW for 3/3/50 carried an article by Bernard Rubin announcing a full length musical of Camp Unity's Freedom Theater entitled "It Ain't Chanel". Camp Unity's studio, Freedom Theater, was located at 106 E. 14th St., NYC. (Date of musical not given)

✓  
NY rpt., 1/22/53  
Re: Elmer Alan Bernstein  
100-398307-1  
(44)

The "DW" of 5/15/50 carried an article entitled "Serious Errors in Finkelstein's Art and Society" by Barnard Rubin. According to T-25 Rubin was an employee of the Freedom of Press and frequent contributor to the "DW".

✓  
T-25: Edna Powers, Supvr., Blue  
Cross Hospitalization Plan, NY City  
NY rpt., 6/26/50  
Re: Sidney Finkelstein, was.;  
SM-C  
100-370103-1  
(32)

In an interview by Bureau Agents with Albert Nadler on 11/16/53 in NY City, Nadler was asked if he knew Herbert Tank, playwright of the play "Longitude 49" and Barnard Rubin, director of the play. Nadler replied his acquaintance with them was only during the production of the play (which was in April, 1950).

NY memo, 12/8/53  
Re: Albert Herman Nadler,  
wa.; SM-C  
100-330592-9  
(30)

The "DW" of 6/13/50 contained an article entitled "Readers Join 'Art and Society' Discussion" which was followed by a statement by the editors that since the recent publication of an article by Barnard Rubin in the "DW" on Sidney Finkelstein's book "Art and Society" and a self-critical article by Finkelstein, the paper had received many letters with different viewpoints. One letter had been received from Lloyd Brown in which he praised the book.

✓ NY rpt., 5/15/50  
Re: Lloyd Louis Brown, wa.; SM-C  
100-57876-30  
(27)

✓ According to Barnard Rubin's column of 12/12/48 in the "DW", the Actors Equity Association union had a membership of 5,889.

✓ In Rubin's column in the "DW" of 12/18/48, he stated the American Guild of Variety Artists had a membership of 1,465.

✓ The "DW" of 7/19/50 indicated that Rubin was Director of New Playwrights, Incorporated. The article also reported that the organization planned to schedule several plays, one being "Candy Store" by Rubin.

✓ The "DW" of 6/13/49 carried an article by Rubin on the play "They Shall Not Die" which stated the play had been successfully launched by Peoples Drama. The article also stated that "we can now say proudly - - and accurately that we have a people's theater."

NY rpt., 11/14/50  
Re: Compic; IS-C  
100-138754-681 p. 3,6,20,22  
(28)  
SI last par. above  
100-138754-A "DW", 6/19/49  
(28)  
SI 3rd par. above  
100-138754-639  
(28)

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SI 3rd par. above

100-140623-31

(41)

SI 3rd par. above

100-268243-16 ("DW", 8/9/50)

(42)

SI 3rd par. above

100-330592-7 p. 4 ("DW", 8/9/50)

(30)

SI 3rd par. above

100-357389-12 ("DW", 8/9/50)

(31)

SI 3rd par. above

100-382436-5

(33)

SI 3rd par. above

100-413704-1

(44)

SI 3rd par. above

100-371357-13 ("DW", 8/9/50)

(32)

✓ "The Worker" for 8/6/50 carried an article regarding the organization of New Playwrights, Incorporated, reflecting that Barnard Rubin was one of the members of the Board. The article also quoted Rubin as stating that the organization was "going to build a working class theater for NY, one which will build audiences as well as playwrights and actors," which would "help us fulfill our responsibility to theater going progressives and which will build the kind of theater that we have all been talking about for so long in the left movement."

Memo to NY, 8/22/50

Re: New Playwrights, Inc.; IS-C

100-371357-1

(32)

SI 100-3-4-6921 p. 111

(24)

On 9/26/50, the NY Office advised the Cincinnati Office that it was not likely that Bernard Rubin, employed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, was identical with Barnard Rubin, subject of NY Security Matter case and was employed by Freedom of the Press, Incorporated.

Cincinnati memo, 10/4/50

Re: Bernard Rubin; Air Force, Dayton, Ohio  
Civilian Employee; LGE

121-25543-1

(34)



Bernard Rubin was one of the members of the Screen Directors' Guild of NY City who was considered pro-Communist or sympathetic thereto. (Interview with F. Herrick, Knickerbocker Hotel, NY City, on 9/5/50)

Los Angeles rpt., 9/13/50  
Re: Compic; IS-C  
100-138754-667 p. 35  
(41)

FOIA b 7 D

On 9/12/50 and 9/14/50 [redacted] of Brooklyn who was a [redacted] in the F & D Printing Company, voluntarily appeared at the NY Office and furnished information concerning Freedom of the Press Company, Incorporated, and the F & D Printing Company. (His name must be kept confidential)

[redacted] advised that Barnard Rubin was one of the seven members of the editorial staff of the "DW" ~~staff~~ who were discharged as part of their move to cut down expenses.

NY Memo, 9/28/50  
Re: Freedom of the  
Press Co., Inc.; IS-C  
97-401-396  
(23)

New Playwrights<sup>Inc.</sup> were to present an evening in honor of George Bernard Shaw at the Czechoslovak Workers House, NY City on 11/11/50. Barnard Rubin was to be chairman of the meeting.  
(DW, 11/8/50)

The "DW" of 8/9/50 announced that the next play to be produced by New Playwrights would be "Candy Store" by Rubin and Rubin was to direct it.

✓ As of 5/1/50 Rubin was employed by Freedom of the Press, Incorporated, publishers of "DV". (Edna Powers, Supervisor of Associated Hospital Service, NY City.)

As of 12/14/50, Rubin was a CP member. At one time he was CP Section Organizer in Pennsylvania. He had served in the Army and had been connected with the "Stars and Stripes" from which General Mac Arthur ousted him. On return from the Army, he became a columnist for the "DV".

FOIA b 7 [redacted]

NY rpt., 1/4/51  
Re: New Playwrights, Inc.; IS-C  
100-371357-3  
(32)

Barnard Rubin, on the Board of Directors of New Playwrights, NY City, was identified on 12/14/50 as a member of the CP.

[redacted]  
NY rpt., 1/13/51  
Re: Compic; IS-C  
100-138754-696 p. 8  
(28)

✓ Barnard Rubin was to be moderator at the theater forum entitled "People's Theater in Action" to be presented at 77 Fifth Avenue, NY City on 12/11/49. The guests were to include a number of theater groups, one being People's Drama. ("DV", 12/11/49)

✓ Rubin reviewed the play "They Shall Not Die", presented by People's Drama, in the "DV" of 6/13/49.

The "DW" for 1/3/51 carried a review<sup>by Rubin</sup> of the play "John Brown" by Theodore Ward, which had been produced by People's Drama.

✓  
NY rpt., 1/25/51  
Re: People's Drama, Inc.;  
IS-C  
100-364409-3 p. 27,33,35,40  
(32)

On 1/24/51 New Playwrights, Incorporated, NY City, wrote letters to Kings County CP officials urging them to request their Comrades to patronize the play "The Candy Store" by Bernard Rubin.

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FOIA(b)(7) D  
NY City rpt., 4/18/51  
Re: CP, Dist. 2; IS-C  
100-3-4-6982-p. 77  
(38)

The "DW" for 1/31/51 carried an article headed "Rubin's 'Candy Store' Premiered by New Playwrights, Feb. 23". The article stated that New Playwrights, Incorporated, announced the opening of the play by Barnard Rubin on 2/23/51 at the Czech Workers House, 347 E. 72 Street, NY City.

✓ The article stated Rubin had been a popular columnist of the "Stars and Stripes", had written for the "Protestant" and other publications on foreign affairs and was a feature editor and drama critic for the "DW".

100-371357-A "DW", 1/31/51  
(32)

The "DW" for 2/20/51 carried an article headed "Mike Gold Talks About 'Candy Store'". The article told about the play by Barnard Rubin which New Playwrights Incorporated was producing. It also gave an account of Rubin's life.

✓ 100-371357-A "DW", 2/20/51  
(32)  
SI 100-3-4-6984 p. 117  
(38)

The "DW" of 3/4/51 carried an advertisement concerning the play "The Candy Store" produced by New Playwrights, Incorporated, and written by Bernard Rubin.

✓ NY rpt., 4/16/51  
Re: CP, Dist. 2; IS-C  
100-3-4-6980 p. 40  
(38)

✓ The 3/16/51 issue of "DW" announced the presentation of Barnard Rubin's "The Candy Store" at the Czechoslovak Workers House, NY City, on 3/16-18/51. The play was a New Playwrights production and according to the "DW" for 2/14/51, Rubin was the director of New Playwrights, Incorporated.

FOIA(b)(7), D [ ] reported on 12/14/50 that Rubin was known to him to be a CP member and at one time was a section organizer in Pennsylvania. Informant also stated that Rubin, while in the Army, was connected with "Stars and Stripes" but was ousted by General Douglas Mac Arthur because of his Communist connections.

NY rpt., 1/13/53  
Re: Louise C. Jacobs,  
was.; SI-C  
100-338562-2  
(30)

✓ The "DW" of 8/9/50 mentioned that Barnard Rubin was director of New Playwrights, Incorporated, NY City.

The "DW" for 2/7/51; 3/8/51; 3/16/51 and "The Worker" of 3/18/51 all mention Hesh Bernardi as actor in Rubin's play "Candy Story" given by the New Playwrights at the Czechoslovak Workers House in NY City.

NY Summary rpt., 7/29/53  
Re: Harold Phillip Topf,  
wa. Hesh Bernardi; SM-C  
100-403569-1 p. 14, 16  
(33)

✓ The "DW" for 4/23/51 carried an advertisement stating that on that evening "New Playwrights, Incorporated" would present an exhibition of the paintings of Alice Neel and an informal discussion with the audience on "Realism Versus Abstraction", of which Barnard Rubin would be chairman. The meeting was to be held at New Playwrights Theater, 347 East 72nd Street, NY City.

100-371357-A "DW", 4/23/51  
(33)

✓ On 8/18/51 Elizabeth Gurley Flynn stated that the four Communists who had skipped bail (not further explained) had hidden at Bernard Rubin's place on upper 3rd Avenue, NY City, "but they are not living there now." Rubin was a member of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and a "DW" writer.  
(T-16)

T-16: Miss Josephine Truslow  
Adams, Suffern, NY  
NY rpt., 1/2/52  
Re: Elizabeth Gurley Flynn,  
wa.; IS-C  
100-1287-248 p. 11  
(39)

✓ As of 7/31/52 New Playwrights had a bank balance of \$538.07. Barnard Rubin and Herbert Armstrong were authorized to sign checks. (A. Albert Langrehr, Ass't. Mgr., Lenox Hill Branch of National City Bank of NY City)

As of 12/14/50 Rubin was a CP member. At one time he was CP Section Organizer in Pennsylvania. He had served in the Army and had been connected with the "Stars and Stripes" from which he was ousted by Gen. Mac Arthur. On return from the Army, he became a "DW" columnist. FOIA b. 7 D

NY rpt., 8/26/52  
Re: New Playwrights, Inc.; IS-C  
100-371357-11 p. 5, 8  
(32)

The name Bernard Rubin, 807 Riverside Drive, NY City appeared in the 9/22/51 mailing list of the USSR Information Bulletin. (T-2) The numbers "8-51" appearing after the name indicated that Rubin had paid for his subscription and that "8-51" was the expiration date of the subscription. (T-3)

✓ T-2: J. M. Graham, Ass't. Inspector in-charge, Gen. P.O., NY City  
T-3: Shorey Allen, Mgr., Dardy Printing Co., Washington, D.C.  
NY rpt., 1/16/52  
Re: USSR Information Bulletin; IS-R  
100-353703-162 p. 349  
(43)

The "DW" for 10/30/51 reported that over 300 New Yorkers, among whom was Barnard Rubin, marched in a mass picket line outside the Park Avenue Theater on the previous Thursday night to protest the showing of the Anti-Semitic film "Oliver Twist".

✓  
NY rpt., 8/31/54  
Re: Provisional Committee  
on Oliver Twist; IS-C  
100-411267-2  
(33)

In the "DW" of 9/19/52 there appeared a statement concerning the production "Wedding in Japan" reported to have been written by New Playwrights, Incorporated. The primary responsibility for the play was to be assumed by two of the founders, Herb Tank and Barnard Rubin.

As of 12/14/50 Rubin was a CP member and had been CP Section Organizer in Pennsylvania. (DIA b 1) D

NY rpt., 8/5/53  
Re: New Playwrights, Inc.; IS-C  
100-371357-12 p. 4, 12  
(44)

Bernard Rubin (Food Workers Union) was under close investigation by the CP in late 1952 and was suspected of working with the FBI. He was a former writer for the "DW" on foreign affairs. He was suspected of associating with Communists and even employing them in order to obtain information. He was described as an opportunist who was not to be trusted by any CP person.

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Chicago Memo, 12/29/52  
Re: Toplev; IS-C  
100-3-99-1490 p. 15  
(39)

\*Above information was obtained by Inft. through a highly confidential source and must be handled with extreme care.

Barnard Rubin was among the US writers and artists who urged clemency for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.

✓  
"DW", 1/21/53  
100-387835-A  
(33)  
SI 100-387835-A "DW", 2/16/53  
(33)

The program at the second Jefferson School Friday Evening Cultural Programs consisted of the reading and discussion of a new play by Bernard Rubin. ("DW", 1/30/53)

✓  
NY rpt., 4/17/53  
Re: CP, Dist. 2; IS-C  
100-3-4-7166 p. 113  
(38)



The 3/16/53 "DW" carried an advertisement concerning Barnard Rubin's play "The Candy Store". Neil Polidori was listed as a member of the cast of the play.

✓  
NY Summary rpt., 2/5/54  
Re: Neil Stephen Polidori,  
was.; SM-C  
100-401220-6, p. 4  
(33)

On 4/29/53 a highly confidential source made available to the NY Office a list of names and addresses purported to be a mailing list of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. One of the names contained in the list was Ben Rubin, 807 Riverside Drive, NY City. Each office receiving this list was requested to consider interviewing the individuals listed either as witnesses in the VALB case or as potential confidential informants.

✓  
NY Memo, 5/26/53  
Re: Veterans of the  
Abraham Lincoln Brigade,  
Inc.; IS-C  
100-7060-660, p. 8  
(13)

✓ As of 3/19/54 New Playwrights had no plans for future productions and Herb Tank and Bernard Rubin were engaged in other pursuits. Rubin had some connection with a publishing firm, name unknown. FOIA b 7 D

According to the "DU" of 9/19/52, Tank and Rubin were two of the founders of New Playwrights, Incorporated.

✓ NY rpt., 4/9/54  
Re: New Playwrights, Inc.;  
IS-C  
100-371357-14  
(44)

✓ The NY Office had, under date of 8/20/54, been instructed to contact employees of Tass News Agency, NY City, among whom was Bernard Rubin, in an attempt to develop informants.

✓ In reviewing the NY files on the Tass employees, it was learned that there was no evidence of any dissatisfaction among the employees with their employment or that they were not still in sympathy with Communism nor was there any evidence of dislike of the Soviet Union.

NY Memo, 10/20/54  
Re: Tass News Agency; IS-R  
100-183386-994  
(41)

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TO : SAC, New York (100-48274)

DATE: March 1, 1956

FROM : *JSN* Director, FBI (100-40033)SUBJECT: BARNARD RUBIN  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Forwarded herewith is a copy of a summary of information contained in the Bureau files concerning the captioned individual.

This summary should be reviewed and any unreported pertinent information for which there is an established source should be included in your next report in this case. You must go to the original source for all information reported, although this may necessitate contact with other offices which have prepared correspondence in which pertinent information appears.

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